



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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**Gloria  
Molina**

## Second District



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

## Third District



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

## Fourth District



**Don  
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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 209.]

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ...WE'VE BEEN DELAYED, BUT THE INVOCATION  
THIS MORNING -- I SEE THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE STANDING EVEN  
THOUGH WE ASKED THEM TO GET TO THEIR SEATS. THE INVOCATION  
THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ, OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DREAM CENTER CHURCH OF GOD FROM POMONA,  
THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY  
RICHARD GERSHON, ADJUTANT, EAGLE ROCK POST NUMBER 276, THE  
AMERICAN LEGION, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WOULD YOU PLEASE  
STAND FOR THE PRAYER.

**PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ:** GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE BLESS YOUR  
NAME TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THE DAY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US AND  
THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING AND THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY. I PRAY  
FOR THESE LEADERS AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS, AS THEY DO WHAT'S  
RIGHT IN LIGHT OF YOU, GOD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
PROVISION IN THE COMMUNITY IN LIGHT OF THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE  
TODAY. WE PRAY THAT DECISIONS MADE TODAY WOULD, WITH REALITY  
IN MIND, MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE GREAT FOR THE WHOLE  
COMMUNITY, AGAIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING, WE BLESS YOU  
AND WE THANK YOU IN YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.





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2 **RICHARD GERSHON:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
3 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE HERE IN ONE  
6 SECOND. MEANWHILE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WOULD YOU GO --

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME  
9 RICHARD GERSHON HERE THIS MORNING, WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF  
10 ALLEGIANCE. HE'S A GRADUATE OF HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND HE'S  
11 THE ADJUTANT OF THE EAGLE ROCK POST NUMBER 276 OF THE AMERICAN  
12 LEGION. HE SERVED IN VIETNAM BETWEEN 1967 AND 1970, HE'S A  
13 SPECIALIST FORCE CLASS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND HE'S  
14 EMPLOYED AS A PLUMBER WITH THE L.A. CITY DEPARTMENT OF WATER  
15 AND POWER. SO, RICHARD, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [ APPLAUSE  
16 ]

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU  
21 PASTOR DAN RODRIGUEZ. PASTOR RODRIGUEZ HAS SERVED IN SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIA DREAM CHURCH OF GOD FOR OVER 10 YEARS. HE  
23 SPECIALIZES IN WORKING WITH YOUTH AND TROUBLED FAMILIES AND  
24 ALSO WORKS IN THE EXECUTIVE CAPACITY TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF  
25 THE CHURCH. PASTOR RODRIGUEZ EARNED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS OF



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1 THEOLOGY AT VIOLA UNIVERSITY. COURSE HE'S ALSO A NEWLY ELECTED  
2 MEMBER OF THE POMONA CITY COUNCIL, HE'S INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS  
3 CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE POMONA VALLEY BOYS AND  
4 GIRLS CLUB, THE ARKNESS INTERNATIONAL AND THE POMONA LIONS  
5 CLUB. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH IN LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION  
6 THIS MORNING. THANK YOU, SIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
9 BOARD. WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC  
10 HEARING ITEMS, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,  
11 AND THEN AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL GO BACK TO THE  
12 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA. SO BEGINNING ON PAGE 6, ON ITEM NUMBER  
13 1, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
14 CONTINUANCE.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE, OR WAS IT  
17 TO DECEMBER 16TH?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK IT WAS TO DECEMBER 16TH MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 1, FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
22 HERE ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THAT'S THE AUCTION OF THE PROPERTY IN  
23 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND IT'S LOCATED 8019 COMPTON AVENUE,  
24 THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 16TH. IS THAT CORRECT? IT  
25 WILL BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 16TH, FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE



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1 HERE FOR THE AUCTION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8019 COMPTON  
2 AVENUE.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS NOTED ON THE  
5 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED  
6 TO JANUARY 27, 2004.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM NUMBER 8 IS  
9 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 27TH, 2004.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH 20, AND I HAVE THE FOLLOWING  
13 REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.  
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, HOLD  
15 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT'S ITEM 14. ON ITEM NUMBER 18,  
16 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, HOLD FOR  
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE  
18 BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 21 THROUGH  
24 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, WE'LL TAKE THIS UP AFTER THE PUBLIC  
25 HEARING, SO WE'LL HOLD THIS. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, HOLD FOR A



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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 23, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
2 PUBLIC. HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 26, I'M GOING TO  
3 HOLD 24, BUT I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
4 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE AMENDED TO ADD  
5 THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "PRIOR TO EXECUTING THE AGREEMENTS,  
6 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ASSURE THAT THE AGREEMENTS SPECIFY THAT NO  
7 FEDERAL FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE CONTRACTORS FOR  
8 ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND THAT  
9 THE AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A METHODOLOGY BY WHICH THE  
10 REIMBURSEMENT CAN BE TRACKED AND IS INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BY  
11 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
12 LIMITATION." SO ON ITEM 24, WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
13 PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE AMENDMENT. ITEM --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT FOR 24?

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES THAT WAS 24.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT WHAT YOU JUST READ THE AMENDMENT ON?

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. ITEM 25 AND 26 ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION. ON ITEM 27, THE CHIEF  
2 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY. ON ITEM 28, HOLD FOR  
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEM 29.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, I'LL READ IT  
13 INTO THE RECORD, AND THEN WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR THE PUBLIC. AN  
14 ORDINANCE EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004, THE PETROLEUM  
15 PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNION OIL COMPANY BY ORDINANCE  
16 NUMBER 10896, AS AMENDED, AND CORRECTING THE FRANCHISEE'S NAME  
17 BY PROVIDING ITS FULL NAME, UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,  
18 CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. WE'LL HOLD THAT. ON ITEM 31, SEPARATE  
19 MATTER, WE'LL HOLD FOR THE BOARD. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO  
20 THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF  
21 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
22 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN  
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 32-A.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVED.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 32-B, HOLD FOR REPORT. 32-C.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 15, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS  
11 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON  
12 ITEM A-1, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM A-2, HOLD  
13 FOR A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. AND THAT  
14 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
15 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TODAY, WE ARE WELCOMING THE NEW CONSUL-  
18 GENERAL OF POLAND TO LOS ANGELES, THE HONORABLE KRYSTYNA  
19 TOKARSKA-BIERNACIK. IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SHE ASSUMED HER POST IN OCTOBER. AND  
24 CONSUL-GENERAL BIERNACIK WAS BORN IN WARSAW, POLAND, SHE  
25 EARNED HER LAW DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW, AND WORKED



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1 AS A LEGAL COUNSEL AND LEGISLATOR AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
2 AND SOCIAL CARE AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, WARSAW. IN  
3 1989, SHE OPENED ONE OF THE FIRST PRIVATE LEGAL FIRMS IN  
4 WARSAW. THE FIRM SPECIALIZED IN CIVIL AND CORPORATE LAW WITH  
5 THE LARGEST PRESS ORGANIZATION IN POLAND AND INSURANCE  
6 COMPANIES AS CLIENTS. SHE BECAME POLITICALLY ACTIVE DURING  
7 THIS PERIOD AND CONCENTRATED ON SOCIAL POLICIES WITH AN  
8 EMPHASIS ON THE LABOR MARKET. IN 2001, SHE WAS APPOINTED  
9 UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL  
10 POLICIES. SHE PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATING POLAND'S MEMBERSHIP  
11 IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND HEADED THE POLISH DELEGATION AT THE  
12 SPECIAL SESSION OF U.N. ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN. THE CONSUL-  
13 GENERAL SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIAN. HER HUSBAND, DR.  
14 JANUCE BIERNACIK, IS A MEDICAL PHYSICIAN AND CONSUL-GENERAL  
15 BIERNACIK IS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME HER  
16 AFTER SUCH A DISTINGUISHED CAREER, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL  
17 ENJOY YOUR STAY HERE. [ APPLAUSE ] [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]

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19 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** MADAM CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD  
20 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY, FOR YOUR PROPER AND VERY  
21 WARM ATTITUDE TO THE POLISH CONSUL-GENERAL, AND I WISH TO  
22 SUPPORT OUR GOOD RELATION WITH YOUR COUNTRY AS MY PREDECESSORS  
23 DID. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL MEMBERS THEN. [  
2    APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ]

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4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. THOMAS HAN TO COME  
5    FORWARD. THE MATURE ADULT PROGRAM, CALLED M.A.P., HELD A  
6    COMMUNITY ROLLOUT LAST OCTOBER 29TH. THE ROLLOUT WAS A  
7    NETWORKING FORUM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FREE  
8    INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH ISSUES AS FAMILY, FRIEND, OR CAREGIVER  
9    ABUSE. NUTRITION, DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY, FINANCIAL SCAMS,  
10    IDENTITY THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD. THOSE WHO ATTENDED WERE  
11    ALSO OFFERED FREE SCREENING FOR BLOOD PRESSURE, VISION, AND  
12    MEMORY. THE M.A.P. PROGRAM IS UNIQUE IN RECOGNIZING THAT A  
13    COMPREHENSIVE TEAM APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE  
14    SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL NEEDS OF OLDER AMERICANS AS  
15    WELL AS TO MAINTAIN, PROMOTE, AND INCREASE THEIR GOOD HEALTH  
16    AND QUALITY OF LIFE. SO PROFESSIONALS FROM NUMEROUS PHYSICAL  
17    AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE SPECIALTIES COME TOGETHER TO DIAGNOSE  
18    PROBLEMS EARLY WHEN THEY MORE CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED. AS  
19    YOU MAY IMAGINE, PUTTING TOGETHER AN EVENT OF THIS SIZE TOOK A  
20    GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT FROM NUMEROUS SPONSORS. I'M  
21    PLEASED TO HONOR ONE OF THE M.A.P. COMMUNITY ROLLOUT SPONSORS  
22    TODAY, DR. THOMAS J. HAN OF THE WILSHIRE PARK DENTAL  
23    INSTITUTE, AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE WOULD HAVE  
24    SPONSORED THIS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND PARTICULARLY



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1 THE COMMUNITY THERE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2 COMMUNITY CONCERN AND DEDICATION. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **DR. THOMAS HAN:** IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO SUPPORT THIS MATURE ADULT  
5 PROGRAM AND THIS SCROLL IS JUST A BONUS FOR ME. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO CALL CHUCK HENRY, DIRECTOR  
10 OF A.I.D.S. POLICY AND PROCEDURE FORWARD. THE GLOBAL EPIDEMIC  
11 OF H.I.V. INFECTION AND A.I.D.S. CONTINUES TO WREAK HAVOC WITH  
12 A NUMBER OF NATIONS AS WELL AS WITH NUMEROUS COMMUNITIES IN  
13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE KNOW THAT LOCALLY THE FACE OF  
14 A.I.D.S. HAS BEEN EVOLVING FROM GAY MALES AND DRUG ABUSERS,  
15 WHO STILL MAKE UP A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF H.I.V./ A.I.D.S.  
16 POPULATION TOWARD WOMEN OF COLOR, AND NATIONALLY THE MAJORITY  
17 OF NEW H.I.V. INFECTIONS OCCUR AMONG YOUTH WITH AN ESTIMATED  
18 75% OF THEM BEING PEOPLE OF COLOR. THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS  
19 PROGRAM ON H.I.V./ A.I.D.S., KNOWN AS U.N. A.I.D.S., ESTIMATES  
20 THAT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 42 MILLION PEOPLE  
21 WORLD-WIDE WILL BE LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. 12 MILLION OF  
22 THEM WILL BE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND 14 MILLION OF THEM WILL BE  
23 CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST ONE OR BOTH PARENTS TO A.I.D.S. U.N.  
24 A.I.D.S. OBSERVES DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR AS WORLD A.I.D.S.  
25 DAY WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF





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1 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO STOP  
2 ITS SPREAD. I HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 1ST, 2003, AS WORLD  
3 A.I.D.S. DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND URGE ALL  
4 RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES AND OBSERVANCES DESIGNED  
5 TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AS  
6 A GLOBAL AND LOCAL CHALLENGE. I ALSO ENCOURAGE EACH OF US TO  
7 DEDICATE OURSELVES TO OVERCOMING THE STIGMA AND SHAME RELATING  
8 TO THE CONTRACTING OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SO THAT WE CAN BOTH  
9 INCREASE OUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE LIVING WITH THIS CONDITION  
10 AND DEVOTE OURSELVES MORE TO PREVENTION AND, OF COURSE,  
11 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HAVE TESTING, AND WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE  
12 WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE. WE HAVE CHUCK HENRY, OF COURSE, WHO'S  
13 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S., WE HAVE DR. JONATHAN  
14 FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AL BALESTANO, WHO IS CO-  
15 CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH  
16 SERVICES, H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES, VANESSA TACOMONTEZ, WHO IS  
17 CO-CHAIR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY H.I.V. PREVENTION AND PLANNING  
18 COMMITTEE; EDNA WILLIAMS, SAINT BRIDGES A.I.D.S. MINISTRY AND  
19 CO-CHAIR OF THE SECOND DISTRICT H.I.V./A.I.D.S. COALITION; AND  
20 SYLVIA MARQUEZ, WHO IS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. AND I WANT TO SAY  
21 THAT OUR COALITION, OUR A.I.D.S. COALITION HAS BEEN ONE IN THE  
22 SECOND DISTRICT THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE PROVIDERS  
23 TO COME TOGETHER, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE TO OVERCOME  
24 A.I.D.S. AND H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WORLD  
25 A.I.D.S. CHUCK HENRY. [ APPLAUSE ] [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]



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2 **CHUCK HENRY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO  
3 EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
4 PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 1ST WORLD A.I.D.S. DAY AND FOR YOUR  
5 ONGOING SUPPORT AND INSISTENCE THAT WE STAY VIGILANT HERE IN  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT THIS EPIDEMIC AND TO  
7 USE EVERY STRATEGY AND INTERVENTION AVAILABLE TO US TO MAKE  
8 SURE THAT WE END THE SCOURGE OF H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. THAT  
9 CONTINUES TO DEVASTATE OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
10 AND PARTICULARLY THOSE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES  
11 THAT CONTINUE TO SEE EXPANSION IN H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN OUR  
12 COMMUNITIES. WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY OUR COMMUNITY PLANNING  
13 PARTNERS AND TWO MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SONS TO A.I.D.S.  
14 AND OUT OF THEIR GRIEF HAVE BECOME COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS  
15 INSISTING THAT ALL OF US REMAIN VIGILANT IN FIGHTING THIS  
16 EPIDEMIC UNTIL WE END THIS EPIDEMIC IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF  
17 THEIR SONS AND ALL OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BROTHERS AND  
18 SISTERS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS, WE NEED TO CONTINUE IN THIS  
19 FIGHT UNTIL IT'S OVER. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SYLVIA MARQUEZ:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SYLVIA MARQUEZ, AND THIS IS MY SON,  
23 RICK, WHO DIED OF A.I.D.S. AT 33 YEARS OLD ON DECEMBER 23RD. I  
24 KNOW HE DID NOT LIVE IN VAIN. I ALWAYS WANT TO HONOR HIM AND  
25 HONOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING, WILL HAVE, AND ARE DYING



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1 OF A.I.D.S. IT'S LIKE A LEPROSY OF A LONG TIME AGO. THEY DIE  
2 IN SHAME AND FAMILIES ABANDON THEM, AND I WANTED TO BE  
3 DIFFERENT AND PEOPLE TO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. GOD  
4 BLESS YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SO PLEASED TO BE HERE. I LOST MY  
7 SON TO A.I.D.S. IN 1993 AT THE AGE OF 32. I'VE BEEN IN THIS  
8 STRUGGLE EVER SINCE. THE HINDRANCE THAT I FIND IS THE STIGMA  
9 THAT'S ATTACHED TO THIS VIRUS. WE MUST OPEN OUR MINDS AND OUR  
10 HEARTS AND WORK TOWARD THE PREVENTION OF THIS VIRUS, AND I  
11 APPRECIATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS AND YOU WHO ARE HERE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU  
15 HAVE PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
18 PLEASED TO CALL FORWARD A LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 EMPLOYEE, WAYNE SCHUMACKER, WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
20 BEACHES AND HARBORS. I'M GOING TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT HEAD,  
21 STAN WISNIEWSKI AND THE CHIEF DEPUTY, KERRY GOTLEIB TO JOIN ME  
22 AS WELL. ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 2003, WAYNE SCHUMACKER WAS  
23 DRIVING FROM HIS HOME IN ORANGE COUNTY TO HIS JOB AS DIVISION  
24 CHIEF OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION IN  
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. WHILE TRAVELING ON THE



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1 FREEWAY OF 405 AROUND 5:18 IN THE MORNING, WAYNE SAW A THREE-  
2 CAR ACCIDENT WHERE ONE CAR HAD ALREADY BURST INTO FLAMES AND  
3 THE DRIVER APPEARED TO BE UNCONSCIOUS AND MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO  
4 ESCAPE FROM THE VEHICLE. WAYNE PROCEEDED TO PARK HIS VEHICLE  
5 AND JOIN A LOCAL HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER AND A COUPLE OF OTHER  
6 MOTORISTS WHO HAD STOPPED IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE TRAPPED  
7 DRIVER. WAYNE GRABBED HIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER FROM HIS VEHICLE  
8 AND JOINED AN OFF-DUTY SACRAMENTO FIRE FIGHTER IN FIGHTING THE  
9 FLAMES THAT WERE RACING THROUGH THE CAR, WHILE THE OTHER GOOD  
10 SAMARITANS AND A CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER WERE TRYING  
11 TO FREE THE TRAPPED VICTIM. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, THEY WERE  
12 ABLE TO FREE THE VICTIM FROM HIS BURNING VEHICLE AND WAS TAKEN  
13 TO LONG BEACH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER BY THE PARAMEDICS WHERE,  
14 UNFORTUNATELY, HE PASSED AWAY FROM MULTIPLE INJURIES. SO I'M  
15 JUST PLEASED TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD AND ALL  
16 THE RESIDENTS TO THANK WAYNE FOR HIS VALIANT EFFORTS OF BEING  
17 A GOOD SAMARITAN OUT THERE, TO RECOGNIZE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE  
18 THAT GOES UP AND ABOVE BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, AND YOU NEVER  
19 KNOW WHEN OR WHAT TIME IT MAY BE, AND TO WAYNE, WE JUST WANT  
20 TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS AND PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN  
21 RECOGNITION OF YOUR EFFORTS. [ APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA -- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR  
2   ANTONOVICH?

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE A  
5   GREAT ORGANIZATION FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND WITH US THIS  
6   MORNING IS CYDNEY SMITH, WHO IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE  
7   ADOLESCENT INTERVENTION TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM. THIS  
8   IS A SPIN-OFF OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM  
9   AND DRUG DEPENDENCY PROGRAM, WHICH WAS FORMED MORE THAN THREE  
10   YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO OUR COUNTY'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM  
11   ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS UNIQUE PROGRAM, THE COUNSELORS WORK  
12   WITH THE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR PARENTS THROUGHOUT A 24-WEEK  
13   INTENSIVE OUT-PATIENT PROGRAM TO END SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SO FOR  
14   YOUR EFFORTS IN BEING A ROLE MODEL OF OTHER PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
15   PARTNERSHIPS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND WISH YOU  
16   CONTINUED SUCCESS. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

19

20   **CYDNEY SMITH:** OKAY, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
21   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR  
22   THE RECOGNITION OF THE ADOLESCENT INTERVENTION TREATMENT AND  
23   RECOVERY PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

24





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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE DOMESTIC LONG HAIR,  
2    12-WEEK-OLD CAT -- KITTEN, AND HER NAME IS TIZZY. NO TIZZY?  
3    THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)  
4    730-4644 IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT TIZZY OR THOSE IN THE  
5    AUDIENCE, HERE'S LITTLE TIZZY, VERY CALM. SEE ANYBODY HUH?  
6    LIKE TO GO TO ANTELOPE VALLEY? HUH? WANT TO GO TO THE CENTER?  
7    IT WAS ONLY 23 DEGREES IN LANCASTER, HUH? SO ANYBODY WHO'D  
8    LIKE TO ADOPT TIZZY, SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND TIZZY HAS  
9    A LOT OF BROTHERS, COUSINS, AUNTS AND UNCLES THAT ARE WAITING,  
10    TOO.

11

12    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE DO THE ADMINISTRATIVE --  
13    THE HEARINGS FIRST. RIGHT?

14

15    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO  
16    PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE  
17    STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, AND BE SWORN IN.

18

19    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO IS THAT, GLORIA? GLORIA, DID YOU HAVE A  
20    SCROLL? NO. SHE SAID NO. DID YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION? NO. [  
21    ADMINISTERING OATH ]

22

23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. WE'LL START  
24    ON PAGE 4, THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
25    DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF A 10-



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1 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE ASSOCIATED  
2 LEAGUE OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS FOR A COMMISSION ON PROPERTY  
3 LOCATED AT 4701 EAST CESAR CHAVEZ AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED EAST  
4 LOS ANGELES FOR OPERATION OF ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. ALSO, ON  
5 THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR -- [ GAVEL ]

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE DEPARTMENT IS DELETING THE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPERTY -  
9 - OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON JULY 2002,  
10 SO WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS ON THIS ITEM.

11

12 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS JUST HERE TO RECEIVE ANY  
13 TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC OR TO ANSWER ANY BOARD QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
18 THE RENT FOR THE AGENCY IS GOING TO BE FREE FOR 20 YEARS. IS  
19 THAT CORRECT? ESSENTIALLY?

20

21 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PERHAPS DEPARTMENT CAN  
22 PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE  
23 IS NO BASE RENT AND THERE ARE TWO COMPONENTS OF RENT. THERE'S  
24 AN OPERATING EXPENSE AND THEN THERE'S A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
25 FUND, BUT THERE IS NO BASE RENT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. ARE WE IN ANY WAY GUARANTEED THAT  
3 THE SERVICE THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIOD  
4 OF TIME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE LEASING THE SPACE IS GOING TO  
5 BE PROVIDED? WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY CEASE TO PROVIDE THE  
6 SERVICE? THAT'S MY PRIMARY CONCERN HERE, IS WHAT IS THE  
7 GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE GETTING IN RETURN FOR THE -- FOR THIS  
8 DEAL THAT WE'RE GETTING THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING -- THAT  
9 ARE EXPECTED.

10

11 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD DEFER TO THE DEPARTMENT TO  
12 ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN I CAN HELP ON THAT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
15 THAT THE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS SAY THAT AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE  
16 TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THE DISABLED, THE DEVELOPMENTALLY  
17 DISABLED, THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE SERVICES. THEY CAN'T  
18 PROVIDE ANY OTHER SERVICE OR USE IT FOR ANY OTHER USE OTHER  
19 THAN PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED  
20 CHILDREN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I WAS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT  
23 YESTERDAY. THAT'S -- IF THAT'S THE CASE, THAT'S FINE. I JUST  
24 WANT TO -- IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING? WE COULDN'T FIND THAT  
25 IN THE BOARD REPORT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SCORDAY KOREA FROM  
3 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE  
4 LOOKING FOR IS ON PAGE 8, WHICH ESSENTIALLY SAYS THAT AFTER  
5 THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERMS OF THE LEASE, THE TENTATIVES  
6 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A VARIETY OF C.D.B.G. FORMS,  
7 BUT ALSO, THE PREMISES SHALL BE USED AS --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS IT ON PAGE 8?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** PAGE 8, IT'S BEGINNING ON LINE 27, PARAGRAPH  
12 BEGINNING ON LINE 27, TALKS ABOUT AFTER THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR  
13 TERM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** AND THEN IF YOU LOOK ON LINE 31, SHALL BE USED BY THE  
18 TENANT AS A CLINIC AND/OR OFFICE SPACE AND/OR OTHER  
19 GOVERNMENTAL OR NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSES OR LAWFUL  
20 PURPOSES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1016-A, AND THOSE  
21 REFER TO THE SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T SAY THAT, THOUGH.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** ON PAGE 6, LINE 46, TALKS ABOUT ALMA FAMILY SERVICES  
2 AND RELATED USES PRIMARILY FOR THE SERVICE OF PERSONS WITH  
3 DISABILITIES, WHICH TIES BACK THEN TO THE BOARD --

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S ONLY FOR FIVE YEARS. I'M  
6 INTERESTED IN THE OTHER 15 YEARS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IT REFERS TO IS BACK ON PAGE 8, IT SAYS AFTER  
9 THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR TERMS OF THIS LEASE. THAT'S WHAT I WAS  
10 REFERRING TO JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO DOES THE AGENCY, DOES THE ALMA AGENCY,  
13 AFTER FIVE YEARS, THEN GET TO SUBLEASE IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NO, THEY CANNOT SUBLEASE IT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF  
16 THE LANDLORD.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT? WHERE DOES IT SAY  
19 THAT?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS IN A DIFFERENT SECTION OF THE LEASE, ON  
22 SUBLEASING AND ON ASSIGNMENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THEY HAVE TO KEEP OPERATING IT  
25 THEMSELVES, THEN WHY DO WE HAVE ALL THESE VARIOUS SECTIONS, OR





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1 THIS OTHER SECTION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FIVE YEARS? WHY  
2 DON'T WE JUST -- WHY DOESN'T IT JUST SAY --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF --

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY LET ME FINISH MY QUESTION.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY ON PAGE 6 THAT  
11 THROUGHOUT THE 20 YEARS OF THE LEASE, TERM OF THE LEASE, THE  
12 PREMISES SHOULD BE USED BY THE TENANT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
13 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES? WHY IS THERE EVEN AN OUT CLAUSE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE CLEAR,  
16 SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO THERE IS SHOW WHAT WAS  
17 REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
18 BLOCK GRANT PURPOSES AS OPPOSED TO THE USES THEMSELVES,  
19 BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY HAVE UNDER  
20 BLOCK GRANT LAW AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REPORTING AND  
21 OTHER THINGS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, BUT THERE ARE OTHER  
22 OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE GENERALLY FOR THE USE THAT ARE FOR THE  
23 FIRST 10-YEAR TERM AND ALSO THE 5-AND-5 OPTION PERIODS.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST -- I MEAN IF THE  
2   INTENT IS THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO RUN IT FOR 20 YEARS OR  
3   PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR 20 YEARS IN THIS SPACE, THEN WHY NOT  
4   SOMEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT, THIS LEASE AGREEMENT DON'T YOU  
5   JUST SAY, "NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE, ALMA SHALL -- THE  
6   TENANT -- THROUGHOUT THE 20 YEARS, THE TENANT WILL DO WHAT  
7   IT'S EXPECTED TO DO, AND ANYTHING DIFFERENT HAS TO BE WITH THE  
8   APPROVAL OF THE LANDLORD," WHICH IS US RIGHT?

9

10   **SPEAKER:** YES THAT IS TRUE. I THINK WHAT CAN HAPPEN HERE IS  
11   THAT THIS IS BEFORE YOU AS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE. AS LONG AS  
12   WE'RE WITHIN THE TERMS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ARE  
13   AMENABLE TO BOTH PARTIES, I BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING IS  
14   CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE DISCUSSED. WE CAN MAKE THOSE KINDS OF  
15   CLARIFICATIONS WITHIN THE LEASE.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT? WITH THAT  
18   CLARIFICATION?

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BECAUSE I THINK HE CAN BE CLEARER. THEY LED  
21   US TO BELIEVE THAT IT SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT, AND I DON'T KNOW  
22   WHY IT CAN'T BE CLEARER, LIKE WHAT YOU SUGGEST.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T --

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT AGAIN.

2

3    **SPEAKER:** TRY AND TO CLARIFY THE --

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

6

7    **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE LEASE IS WRITTEN RIGHT NOW SUPERVISOR?

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH ANY LITIGATION  
10    LATER ON WITH PEOPLE MISUNDERSTANDING WHAT THE CONCEPTS ARE.  
11    THEY SHOULD BE VERY, VERY CLEAR. THE ENTIRE PURPOSE IS FOR  
12    ALMA FAMILY SERVICES CAN ONLY UTILIZE THAT SPACE TO PROVIDE  
13    DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN. THEY  
14    CAN'T USE IT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPACE OR ANYTHING ELSE OTHER  
15    THAN THE RELATED SERVICES AND PROVIDE THEM.

16

17    **SPEAKER:** THAT IS TRUE, SUPERVISOR.

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW, IT'S NOT CLEAR.

20

21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS. ALL I'M  
22    SAYING IS THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS. I'M LOOKING AT PAGE 8 AND  
23    THIS -- WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING THIS AT THE BOARD LEVEL --

24

25    **SPEAKER:** AT THIS STAGE, YES, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND UNFORTUNATELY THIS CAME TO ME AND MY  
3 OFFICE'S ATTENTION YESTERDAY, CONTRARY TO -- SOME PEOPLE THINK  
4 THAT WE, YOU KNOW, THAT IT WAS SHARED WITH EVERYBODY EARLIER,  
5 BUT IT WASN'T, AT LEAST NOT WITH US. I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS  
6 ONE THING ON PAGE 8. AFTER THE INITIAL FIVE YEARS OF THE TERM  
7 OF THIS LEASE, TENANT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE OR  
8 SUBMIT ANY C.B.D.G. OR H.U.D. FORMS, DOCUMENTATIONS, ET  
9 CETERA, AND LANDLORD AGREES THAT THE DEMISED PREMISES TOGETHER  
10 WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THERE TO BELONGING OR ANY WAY -- IN ANY  
11 WISE ARE APPERTAINING, BOY, I'LL TELL YOU, I DIDN'T LEARN THIS  
12 IN ENGLISH, SHALL BE USED BY THE TENANT AS CLINIC AND/OR  
13 OFFICE SPACE AND FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OR NONPROFIT PUBLIC  
14 BENEFIT PURPOSES.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT COULD BE ANYTHING. THAT COULD BE  
19 -- AND THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PHYSICAL REHAB OR MENTAL HEALTH  
20 OR ANYTHING. OR A NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSE OR LAWFUL -  
21 - OR LAWFUL PURPOSES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1-O AND  
22 SECTION 6-A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE SECTIONS ARE, I DON'T  
23 WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT NOW. SO, IF, AS YOU SAY, THIS  
24 IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR 20 YEARS USED AS BY ALMA TO PROVIDE THE



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1 SERVICES THAT ALMA CURRENTLY PROVIDES, THEN WHY DOESN'T IT  
2 JUST SAY SO?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES. WELL, THE REFERRAL WAS -- I THINK WE WERE TRYING  
5 TO ACCOMPLISH TOO MUCH IN ONE PARAGRAPH, FRANKLY, BECAUSE THE  
6 REFERRAL THEN IS BACK TO 6, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE USES BACK  
7 ON PAGE 6, AND IT TALKS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PRIMARILY FOR  
8 THE USE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND GOES BACK TO THE  
9 PURPOSES FOR WHICH ALMA ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT TO BEGIN  
10 WITH AND THAT IS THE SERVICES --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S SECTION 6?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT TAKES CARE OF THE LAST CLAUSE OF  
17 THAT PARAGRAPH THAT I JUST READ.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES IT'S ACTUALLY LINE --

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PREVIOUS CLAUSE WHICH IS "OR NONPROFIT  
22 PUBLIC BENEFIT PURPOSES" COULD BE ANYTHING, COULDN'T IT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WELL, IT WOULD HAVE TO TIE BACK TO --

25





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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?

2

3    **SPEAKER:** WELL, WHAT WE DO IS THAT ENTIRE PARAGRAPH TIES BACK  
4    TO PRIMARILY FOR THE SERVICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL I'M ASKING, AND NOW I'M GOING TO ASK THE  
7    QUESTION STRAIGHT AND I JUST WANT A YES OR NO ANSWER, IS THERE  
8    ANY REASON WHY YOU CAN'T PUT A SENTENCE IN HERE, SOMEWHERE IN  
9    THIS LEASE, PREFERABLY ON PAGE 6, WHICH SIMPLY CHANGES THE  
10   FIVE YEARS TO 20 YEARS AND SAYS THROUGHOUT THE INITIAL 20 --  
11   THROUGHOUT THE 20-YEAR TERM OF THE LEASE, THE PREMISES SHALL  
12   BE USED BY THE TENANT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE ALMA FAMILY  
13   SERVICE AND RELATED USES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, AND THAT ANY  
14   CHANGE WOULD HAVE TO BE AT THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDLORD. WHY  
15   COULDN'T WE JUST SAY THAT, INSTEAD OF SENDING US ON A WILD  
16   GOOSE CHASE?

17

18   **SPEAKER:** CERTAINLY IT COULD BE CLARIFIED. YES, SUPERVISOR,  
19   CERTAINLY IT COULD BE CLARIFIED TO SAY THAT, SO WE WOULD  
20   ELIMINATE THE BLOCK GRANT REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE ALSO A PART  
21   OF THAT AND WE TRIED TO ACCOMPLISH THEM --

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT TRYING TO GET INTO ALL THE OTHER --  
24   THERE MAY BE REASONS FOR THE BLOCK GRANT BUSINESS AND ALL  
25   THAT. ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS THAT WHEN WE'RE GIVING FREE RENT



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1 TO SOME AGENCY FOR 20 YEARS, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE AROUND  
2 FOR 20 YEARS, AND IF FOR SOME REASON THEY'RE NOT AROUND, AND  
3 ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, THAT WE THEN ARE BACK IN THE PICTURE,  
4 THAT IT'S NOT OUT OF OUR CONTROL FOR 20 YEARS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MUCH MORE  
7 STRAIGHTFORWARD IN LANGUAGE TO STATE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING, RICK?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT DOABLE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE, LET'S JUST AMEND IT RIGHT NOW TO  
16 DO THAT. IT'S STILL GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK. WE CAN'T APPROVE  
17 IT TODAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I WANT TO DO.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY IS THIS DIFFICULT FOR YOU? I DO NOT GET IT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WELL I DON'T THINK IT'S DIFFICULT FROM MY POINT OF  
24 VIEW, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THAT CAN BE PLACED IN HERE, WE  
25 CAN TALK IN TERMS -- WE CAN SPECIFICALLY AMEND THIS TO SAY,



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1 WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S APPROVAL, OF COURSE, THAT THE  
2 SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY ALMA FOR THE 20-YEAR PERIOD,  
3 THE 10-YEAR INITIAL LEASE PERIOD PLUS THE FIVE AND FIVE-YEAR  
4 OPTIONS, AS STATED BY THE SUPERVISOR VERY CLEARLY, BECAUSE I  
5 THINK THAT'S THE SPIRIT IN WHICH ALMA ENTERED INTO IT AS WELL;  
6 AND SO I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM IN AMENDING IT TO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT WOULD BE -  
9 - WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE LANDLORD WITH A LIMITED  
10 APPROVAL.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES BECAUSE IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED --

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN -- BUT WAIT A MINUTE. AGAIN, IF THEY  
15 DON'T PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, THEY CAN'T GO IN THERE AND DO  
16 ANYTHING ELSE WITH IT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, IT WOULD BE A DEFAULT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT'S THIS FIVE-YEAR OPTIONS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE FIVE-YEAR -- IT'S FOR 10 YEARS, PLUS THEY  
23 HAVE TWO FIVE-YEAR OPTIONS THE WAY THE LEASE IS STRUCTURED, SO  
24 IT ISN'T A 20-YEAR LEASE. IT'S A 10-YEAR LEASE PLUS TWO FIVE-



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1 YEAR OPTIONS, BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS JUST  
2 COVERING THE ENTIRE 20-YEAR PERIOD.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE ARE OPTIONS THEN I'M COVERING THE  
5 10 YEARS PLUS THE TWO OPTIONS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES YOU ARE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT TRYING TO CHANGE THAT, I JUST WANT  
10 TO BE SURE THAT IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE DEPENDENCY  
11 OF THE LEASE, THEY FALL APART, THAT, YOU KNOW, THE MALADIES  
12 THAT THEY ARE IN BUSINESS TO SOLVE ARE CURED, THAT IT'S NOT  
13 THEN, YOU KNOW, LEFT IN NEVER NEVERLAND, THAT'S ALL.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK MS. MOLINA --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE UNDERSTAND BUT WE WERE TOLD IN ALL THE  
20 LEGALESE GARBAGE THAT THEY GIVE ME THAT THAT'S WHAT IT WAS,  
21 BUT IF IT'S NOT CLEAR, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AGREED, AND I THINK WE CAN --

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WILL YOU AMEND IT? IT'S NOW GOING TO DELAY THE  
2   OPENING OF THE FACILITY.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SHOULDN'T, THEY --

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, IT WILL.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY CAN WRITE IT UP TODAY.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T KNOW, THESE PEOPLE CAN'T SEEM TO GET  
11   THESE THINGS -- IT TOOK US FOREVER TO GET HERE.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD BET THEY CAN WRITE IT UP BEFORE  
14   NOON.

15

16   **SPEAKER:** I THINK SO, I THINK THAT THE --

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN?

19

20   **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE SO SUPERVISOR, YES SOMEBODY CAN --

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN BRING IT BACK TO ME, YOU HAVE A HALF HOUR.

23

24   **SPEAKER:** OKAY WE WILL DO THAT, AND THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GIVE HIM AN HOUR.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THAT INCLUDE LUNCH?

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S HAD SIX MONTHS.

6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN YOU'RE HOLDING THIS FOR --  
8    UNTIL THE END OF THE AGENDA? DO YOU WANT TO HOLD IT TO THE END  
9    OF THE AGENDA? OKAY.

10

11    **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 2-D, HEARING ON APPROVAL OF A 10-  
12    YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY FOR  
13    COMMISSION-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4701 EAST CESAR E. CHAVEZ  
14    AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, TO RELOCATE THE  
15    DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY HEALTH CENTER. JUST LIKE  
16    ITEM 1-D, THIS WOULD ALSO DELETE THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE  
17    ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN  
18    JULY 2002. THIS ITEM ALSO RELATES TO AGENDA NUMBER 21, WHICH  
19    SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THIS TIME AS WELL. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
20    PROTESTS.

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22    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS  
23    ITEM? COUNTY COUNSEL?

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1    **COUNTY COUNSEL:** AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS JUST TO HEAR  
2    TESTIMONY AND ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

3

4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO REQUESTS -- WISHES TO  
5    BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES THAT  
6    THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED, ALONG  
7    WITH ITEM NUMBER 21. DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A SEPARATE MOTION ON  
8    THAT?

9

10   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** YOU CAN HAVE BOTH MOTIONS TOGETHER. THERE ARE  
11   TWO SEPARATE ITEMS, HOWEVER.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 2-D AND 21 THEN ARE MOVED BY  
14   SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
15   OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS CLOSED AND THE ITEMS ARE APPROVED.

16

17   **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
18   TERRITORIES, PETITION NUMBERS 54-300, 156-1101, AND 112-702 TO  
19   COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND TO LIGHTING  
20   DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED AZUSA AREA AND TO LEVY AND  
21   COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES. WE  
22   HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, STAFF?

25



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1   **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M  
2   SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M  
3   FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY  
4   TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
5   DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND LEVYING AND  
6   COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PETITION AREA 54-  
7   300, 156-1101 AND 112-702. NONE OF THESE PETITION AREAS LIES  
8   WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREAS  
9   COVERED BY THESE PETITIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION  
10   AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT  
11   HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENT THAT  
12   THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS IN ANY OF THE PETITION AREAS,  
13   WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION  
14   TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

15

16   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
17   APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ANY TESTIMONY AND THEN TABLE THE MATTER  
18   FOR TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO'S REQUESTING TO BE  
21   HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THIS ITEM WILL GO OVER FOR  
22   TABULATION OF THE BALLOT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.

23

24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING TO ACQUIRE  
25   BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROPERTY NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT AN ELEVATED



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1 ONE-STORY LIBRARY FACILITY LOCATED AT 122 NORTH TOPANGA CANYON  
2 BOULEVARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA. AND WE  
3 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT ONE PERSON --

6

7 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE IS ALSO A BRIEF STAFF  
8 PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE THE STAFF  
11 PRESENTATION? DID YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? IS THERE ONE PERSON  
12 STANDING? DID YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? COME FORWARD, PLEASE. YES.  
13 YOU WERE GIVING THE STAFF PRESENTATION.

14

15 **CHRIS MONTANA:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **CHRIS MONTANA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS  
20 MONTANA, AND I'M REPRESENTING THE C.A.O. ON THIS MATTER. I'D  
21 LIKE TO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD. THE CHIEF  
22 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE  
23 PUBLIC LIBRARY ARE PROPOSING THAT THE COUNTY ACQUIRE A PARCEL  
24 OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOPANGA AREA, THE UNINCORPORATED  
25 COUNTY TERRITORY, ALONG TOPANGA COUNTY BOULEVARD FOR THE



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1 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY PROJECT. THE PROJECT WILL  
2 CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ONE-STORY FACILITY CONSISTING OF  
3 APPROXIMATELY 12,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE, ON SITE PARKING  
4 BENEATH THE LIBRARY BUILDING AND APPURTENANT LANDSCAPE AND  
5 HARD-SCAPE FEATURES. THE PROJECT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A NEW  
6 PERMANENT FACILITY TO MEET THE LIBRARY SERVICE NEEDS OF THE  
7 RESIDENTS WITHIN THE TOPANGA LIBRARY SERVICE AREA. THIS AREA  
8 IS CURRENTLY SERVED ONLY BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LOS VIRGINIS  
9 BOOK MOBILE, WITH THE CLOSEST PERMANENT COUNTY LIBRARY  
10 FACILITIES BEING LOCATED IN AGOURA HILLS OR MALIBU. THE  
11 PROPOSED PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW VACANT  
12 COMMERCIAL PARCELS IN THE LIBRARY SERVICE AREA AND IS ALREADY  
13 PUBLICLY OWNED AND SURPLUS TO THE CURRENT AND PROBABLE FUTURE  
14 NEEDS OF THE CURRENT OWNER, THE WATERWORKS DISTRICT. NO OTHER  
15 SUITABLE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT WITHIN THE  
16 LIBRARY SERVICE AREA. WE HAVE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT, ONE,  
17 THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THIS PROJECT; TWO,  
18 THE PROJECT HAS BEEN PLANNED AND LOCATED IN THE MANNER THAT  
19 WILL BE MOST COMPATIBLE WITH THE GREATEST PUBLIC GOOD AND THE  
20 LEAST PRIVATE INJURY; AND, THREE, THE PROPERTY SOUGHT TO BE  
21 ACQUIRED IS NECESSARY FOR THIS PROJECT. GOVERNMENT CODE  
22 7267.2. WE HAVE OBTAINED AN APPRAISAL OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE  
23 OF THE PROPERTY SOUGHT TO BE ACQUIRED AND HAVE MADE AN OFFER  
24 TO THE OWNER OF RECORD TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY FOR THE FULL  
25 AMOUNT OF THIS APPRAISAL. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR



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1 BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THIS PROJECT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ADRIANE ALLAN HAS REQUESTED TO  
5 BE HEARD, BARBARA METZENBAUM, AND THEN MERRITT HOLLOWAY.

6 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **ADRIANE ALLAN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
9 ADRIANE ALLAN. I AM A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA CANYON, A MOTHER OF  
10 TWO, A CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AND  
11 THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PROPOSED TOPANGA LIBRARY.  
12 IT WON'T SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR  
13 OF THE LIBRARY PROJECT, WHICH I PASSIONATELY FEEL CAN PROVIDE  
14 INDISPENSABLE SERVICES FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY,  
15 ESPECIALLY IN OUR INCREASINGLY MULTI CULTURAL SOCIETY AND  
16 INFORMATION AGE SOCIETY. LIBRARIES CAN PROMOTE A LOVE OF  
17 LEARNING, INFORMATION LITERACY, MULTI CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND  
18 INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM. THESE ARE VERY LOFTY GOALS, WHICH DON'T  
19 MEAN MUCH IF RESIDENTS CAN'T ACTUALLY GET TO A LIBRARY  
20 CONVENIENTLY AND FREQUENTLY. THERE ARE LIBRARIES ADJACENT TO  
21 TO TOPANGA CANYON, THERE ARE MORE THAN MILES INVOLVED IN  
22 MAKING THEM HARD TO GET TO, WITH TOPANGA'S WINDING ROADS AND  
23 CHALLENGING TERRAIN. IT TAKES AT LEAST 40 MINUTES ROUND-TRIP  
24 TO GET TO THESE OTHER LIBRARIES. MOREOVER, LOCAL LIBRARIES  
25 PROVIDE MORE THAN MERE CONVENIENCE. THEY FOSTER A SENSE OF



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1 COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IDEAS,  
2 CREATIVITY, AND KNOWLEDGE. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE BOOK MOBILE,  
3 BUT IT IS VERY LIMITED, AND I'M GOING TO SUMMARIZE FOR YOU  
4 SOME OF THE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT THE BOOK MOBILE  
5 CANNOT CURRENTLY OFFER US WHICH THE PERMANENT LIBRARY, AS  
6 PLANNED BY THE COUNTY, COULD. PROGRAMMING FOR EVERY AGE,  
7 ESPECIALLY ALL KINDS OF STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN, INTERNET  
8 ACCESS, PERMANENT LIBRARY CANNOT ONLY HELP BRIDGE THE DIGITAL  
9 DIVIDE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, BUT  
10 EVEN IF PEOPLE DO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, LIBRARIES ALSO  
11 HELP PROMOTE THE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS NECESSARY TO  
12 EVALUATE THE HUGE EXPLOSION OF INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE ON  
13 THE WEB. THEY PROVIDE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY DATABASES THAT  
14 USERS CAN'T REALLY ACCESS AT HOME WITHOUT PAYING FOR EXPENSIVE  
15 SUBSCRIPTIONS. THE LIBRARY COULD OFFER A COMMUNITY MEETING  
16 ROOM, THE COUNTY DESIGN HAS ONE PLANNED WITH AN OUTSIDE  
17 ENTRANCE TO MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE EVEN BEYOND THE LIBRARY'S HOURS  
18 OF OPERATION WHICH COULD ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONDUCT CIVIC  
19 MEETINGS, BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS, AND GENERALLY ENJOY FIRST  
20 AMENDMENT RIGHTS. A PERMANENT LIBRARY COULD PROVIDE CURRICULUM  
21 SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING A HOMEWORK HELP  
22 CENTER AND I'VE CITED A STUDY IN MY LETTER SHOWING THAT FROM  
23 THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, THAT WHERE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS ARE  
24 BETTER FUNDED, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS HIGHER WHETHER THE  
25 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ARE RICH OR POOR AND WHETHER ADULTS IN





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1 THE COMMUNITIES ARE WELL OR POORLY EDUCATED. A PERMANENT  
2 LIBRARY COULD PROVIDE BILINGUAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING  
3 NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER NON-CIRCULATED MATERIALS THAT THE BOOK  
4 MOBILE CANNOT OFFER SO THAT WE DO NOT DISENFRANCHISE BILINGUAL  
5 RESIDENTS. MULTICULTURAL MATERIALS OF ALL KINDS, FICTION AND  
6 NONFICTION, WHICH PROVIDE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHT,  
7 AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HANDICAPPED ACCESS FOR ELDERLY AND/OR  
8 DISABLED RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

11

12 **BARBARA METZENBAUM:** MY NAME IS BARBARA METZENBAUM. I AM --  
13 GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I AM THE SCHOOL  
14 LIBRARIAN FOR TOPANGA ELEMENTARY. I'M ALSO KNOWN AS AN  
15 ELEMENTARY LIBRARY AIDE. I HAVE BEEN THERE NOW FOR 13 YEARS,  
16 AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN AS WELL WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE L.A.  
17 UNIFIED SYSTEM, AND I'M HERE IN FULL AND PASSIONATE SUPPORT OF  
18 BRINGING A LIBRARY TO TOPANGA AS THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN. I HAVE  
19 BEEN PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE INADEQUACIES OF A SCHOOL LIBRARY  
20 IN SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DONE A  
21 VERY GOOD JOB OR THE BEST WE CAN WITH OUR BUDGET. I ALSO FEEL  
22 VERY STRONGLY THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS A WAY OF SUPPORTING OUR  
23 SENIOR CITIZENS, OUR TEENAGERS, OUR STUDENTS WHO GO OUT OF THE  
24 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE NO WAY OF  
25 BRINGING PEOPLE TO AND FROM A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE VARIOUS



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1 THINGS, AS ADRIANE WAS SAYING, THAT ARE NEEDED. SO I VERY  
2 BRIEFLY WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT ALL OF OUR TEACHERS AND OUR  
3 PRINCIPAL AND OUR SCHOOL AND MYSELF AS A MEMBER OF TOPANGA, AS  
4 A MOM, AND AS THE LIBRARY COORDINATOR AT THE SCHOOL IN ASKING  
5 YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IN TOPANGA. THANK  
6 YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR LISTENING.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MERRITT  
9 HOLLOWAY, AND LET ME GIVE YOU THE NUMBERS OF WHICH YOU ARE  
10 GOING TO BE TESTIFYING ON. MAY I HAVE ALL THE LIST THAT HE'S  
11 ASKED TO SPEAK ON?

12

13 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** MADAM?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH.

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, YOU KNOW, REALLY ON  
18 -- THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 3, ISN'T IT?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, SO BUT YOU'RE GOING TO TESTIFY ON  
21 ALL OF THEM AT ONE TIME.

22

23 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES, I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY LIKE I ONLY  
24 HAVE REALLY ABOUT TWO SENTENCES, YOU KNOW, AND I'D RATHER, YOU  
25 KNOW --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO BE --

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY I MEAN I WILL ADDRESS EVERYTHING RIGHT  
5 NOW BUT I JUST WANTED TO --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO SPEAK ON  
8 ITEM 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, AND 32-B, AND YOU  
9 HAVE THREE MINUTES.

10

11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 36.

14

15 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** 36 IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT. RIGHT? BECAUSE  
16 THAT'S A SEPARATE THREE MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK WHETHER YOU SPOKE  
19 WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS.

20

21 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I HAVEN'T, I HAVE NOT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT ON ALL THOSE YOU  
24 HAVE THREE MINUTES --

25



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1 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC  
2 COMMENT JUST REALLY QUICKLY, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO  
3 REQUEST A OVERHEAD PROJECTOR --

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS RUNNING NOW. YOUR TIME IS  
6 RUNNING.

7

8 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. WELL OKAY LET ME ADDRESS THE ITEMS  
9 REALLY QUICKLY AND THEN I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT A  
10 OVERHEAD PROJECTOR. IN ITEM NUMBER 3, IN CONSTRUCTION, THE  
11 PUBLIC OBJECTS TO APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
12 FOR THE LIBRARY PROJECT. THE PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT THE PROJECT  
13 CONFORM TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE C.E.Q.A., THE  
14 PUBLIC OBJECTS TO AGENDA ITEM 3. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14, THE  
15 PARKING TICKET CLEARLY WITH ALL THE BUDGET PROBLEMS, PAVING,  
16 THE -- NOT THE PARKING TICKET. OH, THAT'S MY TICKET. ITEM  
17 NUMBER 14, CLEARLY WITH ALL THE BUDGET PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE  
18 COUNTY, IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE TO ALLOW  
19 \$1,499 IN COUNTY PROFITS TO BE FEED OUT. THE PUBLIC OBJECT TO  
20 ITEM NUMBER 14 UNLESS YOU WAIVE PARKING FEES AT EDELMAN AND  
21 ALSO YOU WAIVE MY JAYWALKING TICKET. ITEM 4, 5, 6, 22 AND 23,  
22 IN VACATIONS 415, WATER 6, FOOD 23 AND PETROLEUM 23, WE MUST  
23 BE SURE, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
24 QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., IS REQUIRED. BIG BUSINESS AND MAJOR  
25 CORPORATIONS ARE THE BIGGEST POLLUTERS ON THE PLANET, BECAUSE



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1 OF OIL, PETROLEUM, GAS AND OTHER POLLUTERS TOO NUMEROUS TO  
2 MENTION, OUR GROUNDWATER IS CONTAMINATED. THE PEOPLE OF L.A.  
3 COUNTY DEMAND THAT OUR VACATIONS, FOOD, PETROLEUM, AND WATER  
4 THAT THEY CONFORM TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE C.E.Q.A.  
5 OKAY. NUMBER 10, I'D RECOMMEND THAT 12103 BE NAMED AS WORLD  
6 CHILDREN WHO DIED WHILE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DESTRUCTIVE SERVICES DAY. ON  
8 18, I'D RECOMMEND A 12103 BE NAMED CHILDREN WHO DIED IN FOSTER  
9 CARE. SINCE I'M NOT DISRUPTIVE, I WILL ADDRESS THE OTHER ONES.  
10 SO, OH NO THE DEMAND FOR THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK. I THINK  
11 I'VE ADDRESSED EVERYTHING. 14 -- OKAY. THE DEMAND FOR THE  
12 PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK. ON ANY ITEM UNDER THE SUBJECT MATTER  
13 JURISDICTION OF THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM, OKAY SO THE  
14 PUBLIC HAS THAT RIGHT. ALSO, TO ADOPT -- ALSO THE BOARD HAD --  
15 THE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS TO ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ASSIST IN  
16 PROCESSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. I ASKED FOR A OVERHEAD  
17 PROJECTOR, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IT FOR OVER TWO WEEKS.  
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE. YOU KNOW, IF THE PEOPLE COULD  
19 SEE THE CAMERAS ON YOU GUYS, THEY WOULD REALLY BE APPALLED.  
20 OKAY SO I'M ASKING AGAIN FOR A PUBLIC -- ALSO, I HAVE NOTES I  
21 WANT YOU TO PUT IN. BUT ALSO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
22 BROAD CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ON COMMENTING. THE COURTS FOUND  
23 THE POLICY THAT PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC FROM PUBLICLY CRITICIZING  
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. OKAY? AND ALSO, THAT  
25 WOULD DEAL WITH -- NOW THE ACT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES THE



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1 LEGISLATIVE BODY TO -- OKAY THE DECISION OF BACA VERSUS MORENO  
2 THAT PROHIBITED DISCUSSION ARTIFICIALLY GEARED TOWARD PRAISING  
3 AND MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
4 VIEWPOINT DISCRIMINATION. AND THE MOTION SEEKS TO LIMIT -- OH,  
5 OKAY. THE MOTION SEEKS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VOTES PLACED ON  
6 THE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE SECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WHOSE STYLE OF  
7 SPEAKING TO THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE DISRUPTIVE WHILE  
8 MAINTAINING A DIFFERENT STANDARD FOR THOSE WHO SPEECH STYLE IS  
9 SPEAKING. AND SISTER MOLINA, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU  
10 WOULD SHOW THE SAME CARE AND CONCERN FOR MY ISSUES AND MY  
11 RIGHTS AS YOU SHOW FOR THE CAUSES THAT YOU REGULARLY CHAMPION  
12 FOR THE CLASS OF THE CRIMINAL ALIENS WHO FREELY ROAM THE  
13 STREETS OF L.A. OKAY, ALSO TOO WE HAVE SOME DEMANDS HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. IT'S MOVE BY --

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY. I WANT -- OKAY I WOULD LIKE MY DEMANDS  
18 TO BE -- I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY COPIES RETURNED TO ME AND  
19 THAT THEY GET FILED--

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
22 SECONDED BY KNABE THAT ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 14 -- NO WAIT A  
23 MINUTE, 22, 23, 30 -- OKAY. TELL ME WHICH ONES THAT I'M  
24 LISTING THAT -- WE HAVE TO HOLD FOR HEARING. ALL RIGHT. OKAY.





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1 ON THOSE THAT -- EXCEPT FOR 4, 5, AND 6, IT'S MOVED BY  
2 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 23 AND ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
5 VOTES "NO" FOR THE RECORD.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FOR THE RECORD, 23 AND 30,  
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO." ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM? IS  
9 ITEM 4?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON ITEM 4, NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR DON'T WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION -- I  
15 THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE ITEM 3. YOU GOING TO MOVE THAT ITEM 3?

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ITEM 3, I'LL MOVE APPROVAL, AND I WANT TO  
20 THANK ADRIANE AND BARBARA METZENBAUM FOR COMING ALL THE WAY  
21 DOWN HERE AND THIS IS THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS REALIZATION OF  
22 THAT LIBRARY. I JUST THINK IT WOULD BE -- I HOPE YOU DON'T  
23 MIND IF I -- BARBARA METZENBAUM IS THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER OHIO  
24 SENATOR HOWARD METZENBAUM AND A GREAT FRIEND OF WHAT WE ALL  
25 WORK FOR, AND THANKS FOR -- GIVE HIM OUR BEST, TOO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SERVED WITH HIM, DIDN'T YOU? OR CLOSE TO  
5 IT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH. YEAH I DID.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANYWAY I SHOULD HAVE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT.

10 ANYWAY, I MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEM 3.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT FOR THE RECORD, SO ON ITEM 30 --  
13 ON 3, THAT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY AND SECONDED BY KNABE, ON --  
14 ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM 4, HEARING TO VACATE WITH  
17 RESERVATIONS A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW AVENUE SOUTHWEST OF  
18 TELEGRAPH ROAD UNINCORPORATED LA MIRADA AREA. AND WE HAVE NO  
19 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE  
22 HEARD ON THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT. STAFF?

23

24 **RAFAEL MACHUKA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RAFAEL MACHUKA, I'M A  
25 SENIOR SURVEY MAPPING TECHNICIAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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1 WORKS. I HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE  
2 COUNTY'S EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW AVENUE  
3 SOUTHWEST OF TELEGRAPH ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LA  
4 MIRADA. THE VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY THE UNDERLYING PROPERTY  
5 OWNERS. THE PROPOSED VACATION AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY  
6 11,900 SQUARE FEET IN THIS UNIMPROVED LAND. IN MY OPINION THE  
7 INVOLVED EASEMENT INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR  
8 PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. EXISTING EASEMENTS FOR UTILITY  
9 FACILITIES WILL BE RESERVED TO VERIZON, CALIFORNIA  
10 INCORPORATED, ORCHARDDALE WATER DISTRICT, AND SOUTHERN  
11 CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS  
12 TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 4, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE  
15 THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED, THE MATTER BE APPROVED. SECONDED  
16 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING TO VACATE WITH  
19 RESERVATIONS A PORTION OF COLD CANYON ROAD, NORTH OF PIUMA  
20 ROAD, UNINCORPORATED MONTE NIDO AREA. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
21 PROTESTS MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STAFF UH-HUH. IS THERE ANYONE WHO WAS  
24 REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

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1 **CAROLITO CRISTOBAL:** MY NAME IS CAROLITO CRISTOBAL AND I AM A  
2 INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'VE  
3 INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY EASEMENT  
4 INTEREST IN A PORTION OF COLD CANYON ROAD NORTH OF PIUMA ROAD  
5 IN THE UNINCORPORATED MONTE NIDO AREA. THE VACATION WAS  
6 PROPOSED BY THE UNDERLYING THE OWNER. THE PROPOSED VACATION  
7 AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 10,440 SQUARE FEET. IN MY OPINION,  
8 THE INVOLVED EASEMENT INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR  
9 PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. EXISTING EASEMENT FOR UTILITY  
10 FACILITIES WILL BE RESERVED TO PACIFIC BELL, SOUTHERN  
11 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, AND THE LOS VIRGINIS MUNICIPAL WATER  
12 DISTRICT. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED  
13 VACATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING  
17 IS CLOSED AND THE ITEM IS APPROVED. CAROLITO CRISTOBAL: THANK  
18 YOU.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING TO GRANT A 15-YEAR  
21 COUNTY-WIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO LAKE ELIZABETH MUTUAL  
22 WATER COMPANY TO RENEW EXISTING FRANCHISE. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
23 PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THIS IS JUST TO HEAR PROTESTS, IF ANY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON  
3 THIS ITEM? IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
4 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 7, HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO  
7 TITLE 32, FIRE, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH WERE  
8 PREVIOUSLY INCORPORATED, ADD BACK CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
9 INADVERTENTLY OMITTED, DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS INADVERTENTLY  
10 INCLUDED IN THE 2002 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 32 AND MAKE MINOR  
11 EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM  
12 CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S -- IS ANYONE REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON  
15 THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING  
19 ITEMS MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 8 IS CONTINUED TO JANUARY 27, 2004.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CLAUDE TRENIER OF THE  
23 FAMOUS TRENIER BROTHERS SINGING AND DANCING ENSEMBLE, IT WAS  
24 ONE OF THE LONGEST-RUNNING ENTERTAINMENT ACTS IN LAS VEGAS,  
25 WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. THE TRENIER'S FIRST APPEARED IN LAS



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1 VEGAS IN THE LATE '40S AT THE FLAMINGO HOTEL. THEY WERE ON  
2 NUMEROUS TELEVISION VARIETY SHOWS, IN 1950S MOVIES, AND IN  
3 2003, THEY APPEARED AT THE SANDS IN ATLANTIC CITY. HE'S  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS TWIN BROTHER, MILTON, ANOTHER BROTHER HAROLD  
5 OF LOS ANGELES AND TWO SISTERS, ANTOINETTE BURNETT OF TACOMA,  
6 WASHINGTON AND TINA TRENIER OF LOS ANGELES. SERVICES ARE BEING  
7 HELD TODAY IN LOS ANGELES. SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. THE  
8 BALLOTING HAS BEEN -- AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A  
9 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS  
10 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OR ASSESSMENT FOR PETITION  
11 NUMBER 54-300 1561101 AND 112702. AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE  
12 BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND  
13 ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM  
14 THE ANNEX OF TERRITORIES. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THIS WAS TIED TO ITEM 21,  
16 WAS THAT?

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA 2, YES.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 21 -- NO, JUST ITEM 2. ALL RIGHT. ITEM  
21 1 WAS TABLED RIGHT, UNTIL LATER? YOU'RE STILL COMPUTING THOSE.  
22 RIGHT? THEN THAT MUST HAVE BEEN -- THAT WAS ITEM 1, THEN.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 1-D. ITEM 1-D.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 1 WAS CONTINUED. ITEM 1 WAS CONTINUED,  
2    AND SO THIS IS ITEM 2, UH-HUH. YES. THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS ON  
3    2. THAT WAS CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER  
4    12, I BELIEVE. AMERICA GILL. IS THAT WHO HAS REQUESTED TO  
5    SPEAK ON ITEM 12? DIDN'T WE APPROVE ALL OF THOSE? I HAVE 12,  
6    18, AND 19, AND 24.

7

8    **AMERICA GILL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AMERICA GILL, AND I'M A  
9    MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ACORN. I'M HERE TO TALK  
10   ABOUT LAST WEEK'S TV INVESTIGATION BY NBC-4 THE CONFERENCE  
11   'CAUSE WE ALREADY KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY IS IN HOUSING CRISIS.  
12   AT ACORN, WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE  
13   SLUM CONDITIONS FOR YEARS. EVERY WEEK, THOUSANDS OF TENANTS  
14   FROM CITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY COME TO OUR OFFICE TO COMPLAIN  
15   THAT THEY CAN'T GET THEIR ORIGINAL REPAIRS ON THEIR PROPERTIES  
16   AND ALSO LOW INCOME TENANTS ARE ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO  
17   EXPERIENCE THESE CONDITIONS. THE COUNTY HAS SPENT TENS OF  
18   THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MAKING RESTAURANT RATINGS PUBLIC, SO WHY  
19   SHOULD APARTMENTS BE ANY LESS IMPORTANT? WE WANT THE COUNTY TO  
20   MAKE A PUBLIC RATING SYSTEM LIKE THEY HAVE IN RESTAURANTS.  
21   ALSO, WE ARE ASKING TO FIND AND PROSECUTE LANDLORDS WHO KEEP  
22   VIOLATING HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES. RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, I'M  
23   ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS BEEN SUED BY THE OWNER  
24   BECAUSE SHE ASKED OR SHE DEMANDED HER APARTMENT TO BE  
25   REPAIRED. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN, SHE'S A LOW INCOME MOTHER,



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1 SINGLE MOTHER, AND SINCE SHE WANTED HER DEPARTMENT TO BE  
2 REPAIRED, THE OWNER JUST SUED HER AND REFUSED TO TAKE HER  
3 RENT. SHE WENT TO COURT. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE DIDN'T HAVE A  
4 LAWYER AND SHE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE FOR THE JUDGE TO SEE THE  
5 EVIDENCE, THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WE'D TAKE OF THE APARTMENT, SO  
6 PROBABLY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW HER APARTMENT IS, AND WE  
7 THINK THAT SHE'S GOING TO LOSE THE CASE BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T  
8 HAVE A LAWYER. SHE CANNOT AFFORD ONE. SHE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY  
9 THE 250, \$500 OR \$800 TO PAY FOR ONE. AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TO  
10 RAISE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS APARTMENTS, THESE HOUSES THAT  
11 SHE LIVES IN. THERE'S A LOT OF KIDS WHO NEEDS -- WHO LIVE WITH  
12 COCKROACHES, MICE, AND THE APARTMENTS ARE FALLING DOWN. SHE  
13 HAS -- THIS IS HER CASE, SHE HAS NO BATHROOM, SHE DOESN'T HAVE  
14 A LAVATORY IN HER BUILDING, AND SHE HAS THE METER INSIDE AND  
15 EVERY TIME SHE TURNS ON THE WATER KNOB, SHE GETS LIKE ELECTRIC  
16 SHOCKS, AND JUST THE OWNER DOESN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THAT.  
17 SHE SAYS IF THE HOUSE GETS ON FIRE, IT'S GOING TO BE HER  
18 FAULT. ANYWAY THIS CAN'T BE GOING ON JUST AROUND -- IT'S  
19 ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE JUST ASKING TO START TAKING  
20 ACTION AGAINST THIS LANDLORD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR.  
23 FIELDING, WOULD YOU --

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT CAN I ASK A QUESTION?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH.

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4 **AMERICA GILL:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SAID YOU WENT TO COURT, THE LAWYER -- THE  
7 OWNER TOOK YOU TO COURT?

8

9 **AMERICA GILL:** YES. SHE -- I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBOR,  
10 SHE DOESN'T --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE OWNER TOOK HER TO COURT?

13

14 **AMERICA GILL:** YES.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BASED ON WHAT?

17

18 **AMERICA GILL:** SHE WAS -- SHE REFUSED TO TAKE THE RENT. SHE  
19 CALLED THE OWNER AND ASKED HIM TO PAY HER TO COME TO THE HOUSE  
20 TO PAY THE RENT BECAUSE HE ALWAYS GOES TO THE HOUSE AND TO  
21 PICK UP THE RENT, BUT HE JUST -- HE REFUSED TO TAKE HER RENT,  
22 SO HE SUED HER, STATING THAT HE -- THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO PAY  
23 THE RENT, WHICH IS NOT TRUE. BECAUSE SHE WANT HER TO MOVE OUT.  
24 BECAUSE --

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** HE WANTS HER TO MOVE OUT.

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3    **AMERICA GILL:** YES. HE -- SHE HAS BEEN ASKING FOR ABOUT EIGHT  
4    MONTHS OR ONE YEAR TO MAKE THOSE REPAIRS ON THE BUILDING, BUT  
5    HE JUST REFUSES TO DO IT.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** HAS SHE GONE TO LEGAL AID?

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9    **AMERICA GILL:** NO.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA:** IS -- WOULD IT BE WORTHWHILE FOR YOU TO MAYBE GET  
12    A REFERRAL TO LEGAL AID? THERE'S VARIOUS NONPROFIT LEGAL  
13    FACILITIES THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

14

15    **AMERICA GILL:** WELL, YES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE COURT DATE WAS ON  
16    THE 21ST --

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18    **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

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20    **AMERICA GILL:** AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE CAN SHE DO. SHE HAS  
21    SOME EVIDENCE HERE, BUT SHE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE --

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO HERE, BUT THERE IS  
24    SOMETHING SHE CAN DO IF SHE WENT TO LEGAL AID. LEGAL AID WOULD  
25    BE ABLE TO FILE AN ACTION TO PREVENT HER FROM HAVING TO BE



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1    MOVED OUT IF, IN FACT, SHE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THE OWNER IS  
2    NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FACILITY AND THAT SHE MADE THOSE  
3    EFFORTS TO REQUEST THOSE REPAIRS. DOES SHE HAVE THOSE REQUESTS  
4    IN WRITING?

5

6    **AMERICA GILL:** NO.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO REFER YOU TO A  
9    LEGAL AID FACILITY THAT COULD PROBABLY TAKE THE CASE FAIRY  
10    QUICKLY.

11

12    **AMERICA GILL:** OKAY PERFECT.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
15    ASSIST YOU AS WELL, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP HER IN SOME  
16    WAY, BUT LET'S HEAR FROM DR. FIELDING. BUT IS SOMEONE HERE  
17    FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS? THEY SHOULD TALK TO HER BECAUSE HERS IS  
18    A LEGAL ISSUE, BUT IT'S ALSO AN ISSUE IN TERMS OF CONSUMER  
19    ISSUES. SO WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS TALK TO  
20    YOU.

21

22    **AMERICA GILL:** THANK YOU.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE WAS IT LOCATED? DO YOU KNOW WHERE  
4 THAT PROPERTY WAS LOCATED?

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6 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO. WE'D BE HAPPY TO GET THAT  
7 INFORMATION AND TREAT IT AS A COMPLAINT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THANK YOU. ON NOVEMBER 18TH, KNBC RAN  
12 AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY INVESTIGATOR REPORTER JOEL GROVER  
13 SHOWING UNSANITARY AND, IN A NUMBER OF CASES, DEPLORABLE  
14 CONDITIONS IN SEVERAL RENTAL APARTMENT UNITS. IT RAISED  
15 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH A TENANT GETS INFORMATION  
16 ON THE RESULTS OF THE HOUSING INSPECTION AND ABOUT THE  
17 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INSPECTIONS AND ASSURING THE UNITS ARE  
18 MAINTAINED IN SAFE AND HABITABLE CONDITIONS. LET ME PROVIDE  
19 SOME BACKGROUND AND THEN THE ACTIONS WE'RE TAKING BASED ON OUR  
20 REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. WE INSPECT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING UNITS  
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY EXCEPT FOR LONG BEACH, PASADENA, AND VERNON.  
22 THOSE BUILDINGS WITH FIVE OR MORE UNITS ARE INSPECTED FOR  
23 HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS, AND THAT INCLUDES OVER 60,000  
24 APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND 6,000 -- ROUGHLY 6,000 CONDOMINIUMS.  
25 OWNERS MUST OBTAIN A PUBLIC HEALTH PERMIT EVERY YEAR. BY LAW,





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1 THE INSPECTORS ARE LIMITED TO COMMON AREAS OF THE BUILDING  
2 EXCEPT WHEN TENANTS PERMIT ACCESS TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNITS.  
3 WE'RE ALSO LIMITED TO CONDUCT ROUTINE INSPECTIONS BETWEEN 8:00  
4 A.M. AND DUSK AND TO PROVIDE THOSE ON AN UNANNOUNCED BASIS.  
5 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS IS THAT IT'S HARD TO GET INTO A  
6 SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE UNITS, AND WE AVERAGE GETTING  
7 INTO ONLY ABOUT 10% OF THE UNITS. WE INSPECT FOR INSECTS AND  
8 VERMIN, WATER, PLUMBING, TOILET, SINKS, SANITATION AND GENERAL  
9 ISSUES WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WE MAKE  
10 APPROPRIATE REFERRALS TO BUILDING AND SAFETY FOR VIOLATIONS IN  
11 THEIR AREA. WE GENERATE AN INSPECTION REPORT. THAT'S GIVEN TO  
12 THE OWNER. IT INCLUDES A CHECKLIST OF VIOLATION CATEGORIES  
13 WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SEVERITY. THE FORM DOES NOT INCLUDE  
14 AN OVERALL SCORE FOR THE INSPECTION. HOWEVER, A SCORE IS  
15 COMPUTED AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THE INFORMATION IS ENTERED INTO  
16 THE DATABASE. ALTHOUGH THE SCORE IS -- NUMBERS OF POINTS  
17 SUBTRACTED FROM A HUNDRED LIKE THE RESTAURANT SCORE, IT IS  
18 DIFFERENT IN THAT THE HOUSING INSPECTION IS USUALLY A RESULT  
19 OF ONLY INSPECTING A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL OCCUPIED  
20 UNITS. THUS, IN MANY CASES, IT IS MORE A REFLECTION OF THE  
21 COMMON AREAS THAN THE SPECIFIC UNITS. WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT  
22 ISSUE RIGHT NOW, BUT WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED AND WANT TO MAKE  
23 SURE THAT IF PEOPLE HAVE SOME NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AS A  
24 GRADE, THAT THEY UNDERSTAND ITS SERIOUS LIMITATIONS. WE DO PUT  
25 HOUSING BUILDINGS -- MULTIPLE FAMILY HOUSING BUILDINGS INTO



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1 SEVERAL CATEGORIES, AND THEY'RE ASSIGNED RISK LEVELS BASED ON  
2 THE RESULTS OF RECENT INSPECTION REPORTS. INSPECTION REPORTS  
3 ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES REQUESTS FOR  
4 COPIES OF THESE. HOWEVER, IT'S MY PERCEPTION AS WELL AS  
5 STAFF'S PERCEPTION THAT MOST OF THE CASES ARE FOR USE IN  
6 LANDLORD/TENANT LEGAL DISPUTES. BUT ALSO MANY TENANTS DON'T  
7 KNOW THAT THEY CAN OBTAIN COPIES OF THESE REPORTS. WE HAVE  
8 RECEIVED -- LAST YEAR, WE RECEIVED OVER 8,000 COMPLAINTS FROM  
9 MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENTS. WE HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF ACTIONS,  
10 HOWEVER, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE THIS INFORMATION  
11 MORE AVAILABLE. FIRST, WE WANT TO PUBLICIZE OUR COMPLAINT  
12 LINE. 1-888-700-9995. BUT IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ADDED A WEB  
13 SITE AND PUT THIS INFORMATION THAT WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE BUT  
14 NOT ON OUR WEB SITE ON OUR WEB SITE. WE FIRST PUT THE FIRST  
15 SIX MONTHS, THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, AND I  
16 BELIEVE AS OF TODAY, IF NOT NOW LATER TODAY, WE WILL HAVE THE  
17 RESULTS OF THE LAST TWO YEARS' OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS. MORE  
18 DIFFICULT IS TRYING TO FIGURE A WAY TO PUT ON INFORMATION ON  
19 ABATEMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE MULTIPLE  
20 RESPONSES AND BACK AND FORTH AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
21 INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY  
22 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE  
23 REQUIRING THAT LANDLORDS POST SIGNS OR PROVIDE COPIES OF  
24 INFORMATION TO TENANTS WHICH INFORM THEM OF THE TELEPHONE  
25 NUMBER TO CALL WITH COMPLAINTS AND EXPLAIN HOW TO GET ROUTINE



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1 INFORMATION ABOUT PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS. WE ARE ALSO BEGINNING  
2 STAFF TRAINING AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND REINFORCING THE  
3 IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY RESPONSE WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
4 STAFF THAT TAKES THESE REQUESTS. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING CURRENT  
5 INSPECTION PROGRAMS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ENHANCED STAFFING  
6 WITH MORE IN-DEPTH INSPECTIONS OF PROBLEM PROPERTIES,  
7 PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO INSPECT  
8 INDIVIDUAL UNITS WILL YIELD BETTER OVERALL COMPLIANCE AND  
9 BETTER RESULTS. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION IN THIS CONTEXT THAT  
10 ONE OF THE SECRETS TO IMPROVING RESTAURANT INSPECTION WAS  
11 CHANGING THE INCENTIVES, AND PROVIDING DISINCENTIVES FOR  
12 RESTAURANT OWNERS TO NOT COMPLY WITH OUR DIRECTIVES. THE SAME  
13 ISSUE EXISTS WITH RENTAL HOUSING. THERE IS NOT A STRONG  
14 INCENTIVE FOR OWNERS TO COMPLY QUICKLY, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT  
15 HOW WE CAN CHANGE THE INCENTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU  
16 FOR THAT. WE HAVE RECENTLY RESTRUCTURED THE MANAGEMENT  
17 ORGANIZATION SO THAT THEY'RE SEPARATELY ADMINISTERED NOW FROM  
18 FOOD INSPECTIONS, AND THAT PERMITS US TO SHINE A VERY CAREFUL  
19 SPOTLIGHT ON THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITY. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE  
20 INSPECTION FORM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FINDINGS FOR COMMON  
21 AREAS SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THOSE ON THE INSIDE OF  
22 APARTMENTS, BECAUSE IN MY EXPERIENCE, AND I WENT OUT AND DID  
23 INSPECTIONS WITH OUR CHIEF INSPECTOR AT TWO DIFFERENT  
24 BUILDINGS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT,  
25 IN A COUPLE OF CASES, THE COMMON AREAS LOOKED GOOD, BUT INSIDE



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1 WAS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY. IN SOME CASES, DEPLORABLE  
2 CONDITIONS. WE MAINTAINED A DATABASE OF HOUSING INSPECTIONS.  
3 WE WILL BE MOVING TO A MULTI-DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ABATEMENT  
4 SYSTEM, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY A YEAR OR SO AWAY. IN THE  
5 MEANTIME, WE'RE GOING TO ESTABLISH INTERIM SYSTEMS TO BE SURE  
6 THAT WE'RE NOT MISSING ANY INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES, AND WE'RE  
7 ALSO DEVELOPING A COORDINATED DATABASE TO TRACK ALL  
8 COMPLAINTS. WE WILL MEET WITH THE CITY ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEYS TO EMPHASIZE OUR DESIRE TO PUSH PROSECUTION OF  
10 RECALCITRANT LANDLORDS. LAST YEAR WE HAD ABOUT 800 HEARINGS  
11 THAT WE RAN. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ABOUT 400 OR SO THAT WERE  
12 RUN BY CITY ATTORNEYS OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND WE'RE  
13 GOING TO REALLY FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN DEAL WITH THE RECALCITRANT  
14 LANDLORDS. WE ARE EXPLORING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL WHETHER THE  
15 BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINDS AS A  
16 MEANS OF ENHANCING COMPLIANCE, AND ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE  
17 IMPOSITION OF RE-INSPECTION FEES IN SIMILAR MANNER TO WHAT WE  
18 DO IN RESTAURANTS TO PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR RAPID  
19 CLEAN-UP AND IMPROVEMENT. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE A FURTHER REPORT  
20 ON PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO  
21 IMPROVE OUR HOUSING INSPECTION TO YOU BY DECEMBER 15TH.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I WISH THAT THE PERSON IN YOUR  
24 DEPARTMENT WHO WAS ASKED HAD RESPONDED WITH THAT INFORMATION.  
25 UNFORTUNATELY, AN IMPRESSION WAS GIVEN THAT WE JUST DON'T CARE



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1 AS A RESULT OF THE WAY IT WAS ADDRESSED, AND I KNOW THAT  
2 YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD THIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PEOPLE FROM THE  
3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHO RESPONDED, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO  
4 GET OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S DONE, AND I WOULD HOPE ALSO THAT WHEN  
5 YOU GO OUT, THAT YOU LEAVE SOME KIND OF NOTICE AND A NUMBER  
6 WHERE TENANTS CAN CALL IF THEY HAVE, IN FACT, A COMPLAINT --  
7 AN ARRANGEMENT FOR YOU TO COME IN THEIR APARTMENT BEFORE YOU  
8 ACTUALLY ISSUE THE APPROVALS. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU INDICATED, ONE, THAT YOU'RE ONLY ABLE TO DO  
11 ABOUT 10% OF THE UNITS OR, I MEAN IS THAT BECAUSE OF SECURITY  
12 REASONS? IS THAT BECAUSE OF PEOPLE HESITANT TO LET YOU IN, OR  
13 IS IT A -- YOU KNOW --

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15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, THE TWO PRIMARY REASONS, AS  
16 I UNDERSTAND IT, IS THAT, NUMBER ONE, THAT PEOPLE AREN'T HOME,  
17 BECAUSE WE'RE LIMITED TO 8:00 A.M. TO DUSK, AND A LOT OF  
18 PEOPLE ARE WORKING AND THERE'S NOBODY AT HOME, AND SECONDLY,  
19 SOME PEOPLE ARE RELUCTANT TO LET US IN DESPITE HAVING ADEQUATE  
20 IDENTIFICATION AND THE LIKE. THOSE ARE THE TWO MAIN REASONS.  
21 NOW IN SERIOUS PROBLEMS, WE DO GO BACK A SECOND TIME AND  
22 SOMETIMES EVEN MORE TO TRY AND INCREASE THAT PERCENTAGE, BUT  
23 BASED ON EXISTING STAFFING, WE CAN ONLY DO THAT FOR A VERY  
24 SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE OVERALL STOCK, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE  
25 LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT WHETHER WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ENOUGH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AS AN EXAMPLE LET'S SAY YOU HAD A 50 UNIT COMPLEX,  
3 50 UNITS AND YOU HAD A COMPLAINT ON A COUPLE OF THE UNITS AND  
4 YOU FOUND VERY SEVERE CONDITIONS. IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR  
5 INSPECTION POLICIES THAT WOULD TRIGGER ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS  
6 WITHIN THE NUMBER OF UNITS?

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8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES. WE WOULD LEAVE -- WE WOULD TRY AND  
9 GET INTO OTHER UNITS AT THAT TIME IF WE SAW A SYSTEMATIC  
10 PROBLEM. WE WOULD LEAVE INFORMATION ON THE DOORS INFORMATION  
11 THAT WE WERE GOING TO COME BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS. WE WILL MAKE  
12 SURE THAT THAT INFORMATION INCLUDES THE COMPLAINT LINE AS  
13 WELL. I DON'T KNOW CURRENTLY IF IT DOES. AND THEN WE DO COME  
14 BACK, SO THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN THOSE SITUATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I JUST AS WELL WOULD REITERATE WHAT  
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE INDICATED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE, YOU KNOW,  
18 IF WE HAVE SOME PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, THAT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN,  
19 YOU KNOW, GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PROPER VEIN SO.

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21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I AGREE, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION: WHY DOES IT TAKE AN INVESTIGATIVE  
2   REPORT TO HAVE THE ACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE TO CORRECT THOSE  
3   PROBLEMS? I MEAN WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THOSE PROBLEMS IN TIME.  
4   YOUR INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN GOING OUT REGULARLY, AND IT SEEMS TO  
5   ME THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION ARE  
6   ABLE TO ARTICULATE THE PLAN OF ACTION THAT WE HAVE.

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8   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR, SOME OF  
9   THESE ISSUES SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BEFORE NOW, AND IN  
10   SOME OTHER CASES I THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE OF TRYING TO MAKE  
11   SURE THAT THE PUBLIC NOT ONLY GETS INFORMATION, BUT HAS THE  
12   ABILITY TO INTERPRET THAT INFORMATION, AND THERE ARE  
13   DIFFERENCES FROM THE RESTAURANT PROGRAM, BUT WE NEEDED TO  
14   SHINE -- WE NEEDED TO DO MORE HERE AND THIS BROUGHT THAT TO  
15   LIGHT, AND WE ARE DOING MORE.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE INSPECTIONS,  
18   HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING IN DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS. WHY  
19   CAN'T WE SCHEDULE EVENING INSPECTIONS?

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21   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WOULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. MY  
22   UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE ARE LIMITED, AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S  
23   BY LAW, ORDINANCE, AND STATE REGULATION OR THE LIKE. I'VE BEEN  
24   TOLD IT'S FROM 8:00 A.M. TIL DUSK.

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1    **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME ASK LILA KAPOUR OF OUR  
2    OFFICE TO RESPOND.

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4    **LILA KAPOUR:** SUPERVISORS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE  
5    COUNTY ORDINANCE LIMITS IT TO THE BUSINESS HOURS, THAT CAN BE  
6    CHANGED IF THAT'S THE BOARD'S INTENTION.

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT COUNTY OR STATE?

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10   **LILA KAPOUR:** COUNTY.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

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14   **LILA KAPOUR:** IT'S A COUNTY ORDINANCE.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CAN'T --

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18   **LILA KAPOUR:** COUNTY ORDINANCE.

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WHY CAN'T WE CHANGE IT?

21

22   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE WILL LOOK AT THAT AS WELL

23   SUPERVISOR. AND ONE OF THE, EXCUSE ME, ONE OF THE ISSUES IN

24   MEETINGS WITH THE INSPECTORS IS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT BEING IN

25   THE CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS AFTER DARK AND BEING ALONE, AND ONE



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1 OF THE THINGS WE'RE GOING TO DO ALSO WE'RE LOOKING AT IS  
2 GETTING ALL OF THEM CELL PHONES, WHICH THEY CURRENTLY DON'T  
3 HAVE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE SOME LIFE LINE AND ABILITY  
4 TO CALL IF THERE ARE ISSUES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL YOU ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S  
7 TRACKING OF COMPLIANCE BY OWNERS RELATIVE TO THE CORRECTION OF  
8 VIOLATIONS?

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'RE SETTING UP A COMPREHENSIVE  
11 TRACKING SYSTEM FOR COMPLAINTS, SUPERVISOR, AND WE WILL BE  
12 ISSUED REPORTS AND NOT ONLY MR. AGUIRRE, BUT I WILL GET THOSE  
13 REPORTS ON A PERIODIC BASIS TO BE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE  
14 COMPLAINTS THAT ARE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. IN ADDITION,  
15 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR LANDLORDS  
16 TO MAKE CORRECTIONS QUICKLY AND WITH THE QUALITY THAT'S  
17 NECESSARY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION THAT WE PASSED ON THIS ISSUE THAT  
20 I HAD INTRODUCED THAT WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TIMING  
21 REQUIREMENTS, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-  
22 CONTROLLER AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CONDUCT A  
23 FULL INVESTIGATION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HOUSING INSPECTION  
24 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND RATING PROCEDURES THAT WOULD ALSO



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1 INCLUDE MODIFICATION OF TIMES, TO COME BACK FOR A REPORT AND  
2 THE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THAT PROVISION.

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4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
5 THEM.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENFORCEMENT  
8 AUTHORITY, WHY CAN'T THE DEPARTMENT IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 FINES?

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT,  
12 SUPERVISOR, TO SEE WHETHER WE COULD AND WHAT WOULD HAVE TO BE  
13 THE PROCEDURE THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE IMPOSITION OF THOSE  
14 FINES. WE'RE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THAT NOW.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I THINK OUR MOTION ADDRESSES THAT, WE PROBABLY  
17 CAN COMBINE THE MOTIONS TO COME BACK.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS INCLUDED, TOO, BECAUSE IT'S VERY  
20 DIFFICULT TO GET THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME  
21 OF THESE THINGS, BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY BUSY. NOW, IN THE CITY,  
22 THE CITY ATTORNEY IS MUCH MORE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD  
23 ON MISDEMEANORS, BUT USUALLY THEY TELL US THAT THEY ALMOST  
24 WANT SOME KIND OF FUNDING FOR MISDEMEANOR ENFORCEMENT. SO I  
25 THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES WE NEED TO LOOK AT, IF THERE'S



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1 SOME POSSIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINDS, AND IF YOU WILL  
2 REPORT BACK ON THAT, ALSO IN TERMS OF HOW WE WOULD BE ABLE TO  
3 WORK THAT OUT IN TERMS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS. OBVIOUSLY IN  
4 THE CITY, YOU DO -- YOU SEND IT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY. IS THAT  
5 WHAT YOU DO?

6

7 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** DEPENDING ON THE JURISDICTION, EITHER  
8 IT GOES TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND IN OTHER CASES, THE DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY, THE CITY ATTORNEYS ARE VARIABLE IN TERMS OF THEIR  
10 INTEREST AND ZEAL FOR DEALING WITH THESE KIND OF ISSUES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU SAY THERE ARE 800 CASES THAT WERE -  
13 -

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15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THERE WERE 800 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
16 THAT WE HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, AND ABOUT HALF OF  
17 THOSE, THEN, WERE REFERRED AND LED TO HEARINGS BY CITY  
18 ATTORNEYS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THEN A LIMITED NUMBER,  
19 ABOUT 30, PROSECUTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE NEED TO REALLY FOLLOW UP  
22 ON THAT AND SEE IF THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE PROSECUTIONS  
23 AND FOLLOW IT UP WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY, AS WELL AS WITH THE  
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SEE HOW THOSE PROSECUTIONS CAN BE  
25 INCREASED AND ENFORCED.



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2 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** WE WILL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'LL REPORT BACK, WHAT, IN 30 DAYS?

5

6 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** YES SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS 30 DAYS OKAY WITH YOU SUPERVISOR

9 ANTONOVICH? ALL RIGHT. 30 DAYS, REPORT BACK.

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IF IT COULD BE RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST OF

12 THE YEAR. I'LL BE GONE THAT WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS, IF THEY

13 COULD HAVE IT --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE SAY THE SECOND WEEK IN --

16 SECOND TUESDAY IN JANUARY. THE 13TH, IS THAT OKAY?

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. COULD YOU PUT IT BACK ON THE AGENDA

21 FOR THAT DAY? ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY

22 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S BOTH MOTIONS, 12 AND 7.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON BOTH MOTIONS, RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. THE NEXT  
2    ITEM IS ITEM 18. I THINK THAT WARREN WILLIAMS HAD REQUESTED TO  
3    SPEAK ON ITEM 18. OH, THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPEAK  
4    ON IT, TOO. ALL RIGHT. SO, OR -- AND MR. WILLIAMS, WILL YOU  
5    PLEASE COME FORWARD? HAS ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP FOR THE REST OF  
6    THESE? ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE SPEAKING ON ITEM 18, 19, 24, 32, AND  
7    A-1.

8

9    **WARREN WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS WARREN WILLIAMS. I'M REPRESENTING  
10   THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY ON THE FOUNDATION TO  
11   END INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE OF FATHERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS,  
12   COMMUNITIES. I SUBMITTED TO YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FROM THE  
13   ESSENCE MAGAZINE DATED NOVEMBER 2003, AND IN IT, THERE'S  
14   SEVERAL DIFFERENT ARTICLES THAT PERTAINS TO -- THAT CAN APPLY  
15   TO ALL THESE ARTICLES. ONE IS UNDER ITEM 18, CHERISH CHILDS  
16   DAY, AND THE ESSENCE MAGAZINE STATES ABOUT THE DEATH OF  
17   INNOCENCE ON PAGE 152, SPEAKS OF A 14-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS LYNCHED  
18   BY WHITES. THEN ANOTHER ARTICLE CALLED 'ANGRY WOMEN, BATTERED  
19   MEN,' PAGE 166 TO 169. IT SPEAKS THAT -- IT SHARES ITS  
20   STATISTICS FROM THE STUDY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
21   QUOTING THAT 124 WOMEN PER 1,000 COUPLES IS BATTERED BY MEN,  
22   BUT IT ALSO STATES THAT 122 MEN PER 1,000 COUPLES ARE BATTERED  
23   BY WOMEN. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, WE SPOKE ABOUT HAVING THE RIGHT  
24   TO SPEAK BEFORE THIS BOARD ON MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEMS. I BRING  
25   TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THAT UNDER THE ASSIGNED DOCUMENT



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1 THAT'S GIVEN, IT STATES THAT THE BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM  
2 ACTING ON AN ITEM UNLESS THE MATTER IS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA.  
3 IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AN ITEM THAT'S NOT ON THE  
4 AGENDA AND A MEMBER OF PUBLIC HAS NO WAY OF GETTING A ITEM ON  
5 THE AGENDA, THEN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKING ON BEHALF  
6 OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE NO WAY TO GET THEIR  
7 ITEMS AND CONCERNS BEFORE THIS BOARD AND THEREFORE TO EVER GET  
8 RESOLUTION FROM THE ISSUES OF CONCERN. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY  
9 OF THE BOARD TO KNOW THE PERSONAL THINGS THAT MEMBERS OF THE  
10 PUBLIC CAN BRING BEFORE THIS BOARD AND DO. SO IF IN FACT WE  
11 BRING THE THINGS UNKNOWN TO THE BOARD, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT  
12 THE BOARD HEAR THE THINGS THAT WE'RE PRESENTING. TO ASSUME  
13 THAT SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER ARE ACCURATELY REPORTING WHEN  
14 EVEN THE GRAND JURY FOUND THAT THE COUNTY D.C.F.S. IS BROKEN  
15 AND FLAWED, THAT WE KNOW PERJURY AND THESE PROBLEMS DO EXIST,  
16 WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE CHECK AND BALANCES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT,  
17 IT DEMANDS THAT THEREFORE THIS BOARD GIVE ACUTE ATTENTION TO  
18 THE THINGS THAT'S PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND NOT  
19 JUST HEAR US, BUT APPLY THOSE THINGS. 'WHAT BLACK BOYS ARE UP  
20 AGAINST,' PAGE 186, THAT IS ALSO FROM THE ESSENCE MAGAZINE OF  
21 2003. AND THEY'RE SPEAKING ABOUT THE HORRIBLE INJUSTICES THAT  
22 PERSIST THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO BLACK MAN ON THE  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT I PRESENT MYSELF  
24 AND OTHER PEOPLE DO WHO ARE NOT BEING REPRESENTED BY THIS  
25 BOARD. OTHERWISE, THESE TRUE REALITIES, THE HORRORS THAT WE'RE



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1 EXPERIENCING WOULD BE NOT RECOGNIZED AND NOT EVEN HEARD.  
2 QUICKLY, I WILL QUOTE FROM YOU OUT OF THIS BOOK, AND AGAIN,  
3 IT'S IN THE ARTICLE, 'WHAT BLACK BOYS ARE UP AGAINST,' AND IT  
4 STATES, "THE SYSTEM RULES BY FORCE AND ITS POWER IS IMMENSE,  
5 BUT IT CAN BE DEFEATED IF ITS VICTIMS INDIVIDUALLY AND  
6 COLLECTIVELY, IN AN ORGANIZED FASHION, REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE  
7 CONDITIONS OF OPPRESSION."

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

10

11 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I WILL REQUEST THAT I CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE  
12 TIME TO FINISH READING THIS PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL NO. YOU CAN MAKE A COPY OF IT AND  
15 DISTRIBUTE IT TO US.

16

17 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I HAVE SUBMITTED A COPY TO YOU, I'D LIKE IT  
18 TO GO INTO THE FILE AND WITH ALL THE OTHER FACTS YEAH I'LL  
19 SUBMIT IT TO THE BOARD.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE OKAY THAT'S FINE. ALL RIGHT. VERY  
22 GOOD. MOVED BY -- [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 18 AND A-1. WE'RE TAKING UP 18 --



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1 ITEM 18, AND WE'RE TAKING UP ITEM A-1. SHOULD I DO THEM  
2 SEPARATELY? ON 18, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON A-1, MOVED BY KNABE,  
4 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL  
5 RIGHT. THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 24. AND, I'LL GIVE THESE BACK TO  
6 YOU. WE HAVEN'T DONE 19. IS THAT IT? SHOULD WE TAKE 19 NEXT?  
7 ALL RIGHT. I'LL TAKE 19 FIRST. AND ON ITEM 19, A NUMBER OF  
8 PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. KAREN OCAMB, YVONNE MICHELLE  
9 AUTRY, AND JULIO GIRON, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES,  
10 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **KAREN OCAMB:** HI. MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB, AND I AM THE CHAIR OF  
13 THE LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB SUNSHINE COMMITTEE AND THE HEAD OF  
14 THE LOS ANGELES SUNSHINE COALITION. FIRST I WANT TO THANK  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DEPUTY, BRIAN CENTER FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
16 POINTS WE'VE MADE VIA E-MAIL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN AMENDED  
17 MOTION. HOWEVER, I'M STILL CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL THREATS  
18 TO THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THE BOARD'S  
19 RULE BOOK SAYS THAT SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FOR, QUOTE,  
20 DISORDERLY CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD  
21 OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF. THE RULES DEFINE SUCH BEHAVIOR AS,  
22 QUOTE, A BREACH OF THE PEACE, BOISTEROUS CONDUCT, OR VIOLENT  
23 DISTURBANCE OR DEFIANCE OF LAWFUL ORDERS. WHILE THAT SEEMS  
24 LOGICAL, I AM CONCERNED THAT THE TERMS, QUOTE 'CONTEMPTUOUS  
25 AND INSOLENT,' ARE OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. THE BROWN ACT,



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1 REMEMBER, EXPRESSLY ALLOWS FOR THE CRITICISM OF THE  
2 GOVERNMENTAL BODY. ADDITIONALLY, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE RULES  
3 EXCLUDING SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM FURTHER ATTENDING  
4 A MEETING WITHOUT PROPER PERMISSION. WHAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY A  
5 PERSONALITY CONFLICT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE PERMANENT  
6 EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETINGS THEY HAVE A  
7 RIGHT TO ATTEND. FINALLY, ONCE AGAIN I MUST CRITICIZE COUNTY  
8 COUNSEL. LAST OCTOBER 14TH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA FORMALLY  
9 REQUESTED THAT COUNTY COUNSEL, QUOTE, 'INVESTIGATE THE  
10 POSSIBILITY OF EXCLUDING PEOPLE FOR DISRUPTING A MEETING.' ON  
11 NOVEMBER 12TH, MR. PELLMAN TOLD SUPERVISOR MOLINA THAT HE WAS  
12 PREPARING A REPORT ON THE ISSUE. THAT REPORT ABOUT PEOPLE'S  
13 RIGHT TO SPEAK AT OPEN MEETINGS HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC,  
14 VIOLATING THE BOARD'S OWN RULING LAST YEAR. MR. PELLMAN'S  
15 ANALYSIS BECOMES ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT,  
16 ON NOVEMBER 18TH, WHEN ASKED FOR A BROWN ACT RULING BY MAYOR  
17 BURKE, MR. PELLMAN RENDERED AN INACCURATE RULING. HE SAID THE  
18 STATUTE SAYS, QUOTE, 'THE PUBLIC MUST ADDRESS ANY ITEM,  
19 SINGULAR.' THE BOARD -- THE BROWN ACT DOES SAY 'ANY ITEM ON  
20 THE AGENDA.' IT'S YOUR RULE BOOK THAT SAYS, ILLEGALLY, THAT  
21 MANY PEOPLE MAY ONLY SPEAK TO ONE ITEM. AFTER YOUR LAWSUIT  
22 WITH THE TIMES, YOU WERE WARNED THAT YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
23 BROWN ACT WAS CONTINGENT UPON MR. PELLMAN'S JUDGMENT. WE  
24 SERIOUSLY QUESTION THAT JUDGMENT. MR. PELLMAN SEEMS TO THINK  
25 HE WORKS EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU RATHER THAN HEADING A DEPARTMENT



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1 THAT SERVES THE PEOPLE. HE -- EXCUSE ME, HE ROUTINELY LABELS  
2 REPORTS, EVEN THOSE DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK,  
3 AS CONFIDENTIAL, AS A MATTER OF ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. WE  
4 MAINTAIN THAT OUTSIDE OF CLOSED SESSION LITIGATION, SUCH  
5 PRIVILEGE DOES NOT EXIST. WE ALSO THINK THIS SENDS A TERRIBLE  
6 MESSAGE TO OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS. IF COUNTY COUNSEL CAN DODGE  
7 YOUR POLICY, WHY SHOULD THEY BOTHER? ONCE AGAIN, WE BESEECH  
8 YOU TO CODIFY YOUR POLICY INTO AN ORDINANCE SO THERE IS SOME  
9 INCENTIVE, SOME ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM, AND SOME PENALTY TO  
10 IGNORING OR VIOLATING YOUR OWN POLICY. UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS  
11 CLEAR NOW THAT IF THERE IS NO PENALTY, THERE IS NO COMPLIANCE.  
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES UH-HUH. STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YVONNE  
17 MICHELLE AUTRY, AND I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT WHAT THIS WOMAN HAS  
18 JUST SAID AND ALSO, WARREN WILLIAMS AND MERRITT HOLLOWAY. IN  
19 MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE HEARD AND GUARANTEEING OUR FIRST  
20 AMENDMENT RIGHT AND ALSO THE BROWN ACT, I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE  
21 BOARD OF WHAT HAPPENED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, TUESDAY,  
22 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2003, WHEN SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY SO RUDELY  
23 AND INSOLENTLY BROKE OR VIOLATED YOUR CIVIL CODE SECTION 10,  
24 LETTER A, AND I QUOTE, "DISORDERLY CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT  
25 BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF TENDING TO





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1 DISRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY COURSE OF SAID MEETING,' IT SAYS  
2 THAT THAT WOULD WARRANT SOME TYPE OF CENSURE AND I REPEAT, I  
3 WAS ATTACKED AND THIS MAN WAS NOT REPRIMANDED, CENSURED, OR  
4 ADMONISHED. SO A MAINTENANCE OF SOME TYPE OF EQUAL APPLICATION  
5 OF THESE LAWS SO THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD. YOUR JOB IS  
6 TO LISTEN TO US AND THEN TO TAKE OUR COMPLAINTS INTO  
7 CONSIDERATION, WHICH YOU USUALLY DO NOT DO. AND I SEE THAT  
8 YOU'RE GRADUALLY ERODING OUR CIVIL RIGHTS, AND WE WILL NOT  
9 STAND FOR THAT. SO WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AVAILABLE WHATEVER  
10 REPORT THAT THIS WOMAN SPOKE ABOUT AND ALSO, WE WILL MAKE SURE  
11 THAT WE DO HAVE OUR RIGHT TO SPEAK AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
12 PETITION THE BOARD TO HAVE LONGER AMOUNTS OF TIME TO ADDRESS  
13 MORE THAN ONE ITEM. AND ALSO, MORE OFTEN THAN EVERY FEW  
14 MONTHS. THAT'S RIDICULOUS, AS, YOU KNOW, MEMBERS OF THIS  
15 COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY WITH SO MUCH HAPPENING AND YOUR BLATANT  
16 DISREGARD OF OUR CONCERNS, I THINK THAT UNLESS WE'RE ABLE TO  
17 SPEAK AND UNLESS YOU HEAR OUR CONCERNS, YOU WILL OBVIOUSLY  
18 CONTINUE TO IGNORE THEM. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO RESPOND TO ITEM  
19 NUMBER 18. IN SUPPORT OF WHAT WARREN HAS SAID, IF YOU DO  
20 RECOGNIZE THIS DAY AND ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO ASSIMILATE -- YOU  
21 MENTIONED THE AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL. I HOPE THAT YOU WOULD  
22 ALSO RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE THE RIGHT OF FAMILIES OF  
23 DIFFERENT CULTURES TO TEACH REGARDING THE PRACTICES, THE  
24 CULTURAL BELIEFS, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
25 CULTURE, THE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND DISCOURAGE THE



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1 WHITEWASHING OF OUR YOUTH. I SEE THAT HAPPENING. I THINK, AS A  
2 MATTER OF FACT, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT MY CHILD AND ANOTHER  
3 CHILD WAS DETAINED WAS BECAUSE WE WERE ACTIVE IN BLACK PANTHER  
4 MEETINGS, ANTI-POLICE BRUTALITY MEETINGS, AND WE WERE LABELED  
5 TERRORISTS, SUBVERSIVES, COMMUNISTS, AND CRAZY. I KNOW THAT WE  
6 HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE IN THIS COUNTRY, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO  
7 EXPRESS OURSELVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR CONCERNS ARE VALID, AND  
8 YOU WILL NOT DISCOURAGE OUR EXPRESSION BY INCRIMINATING THOSE  
9 OF US WHO HAVE BEEN VIOLATED AND WHOSE CIVIL RIGHTS CONTINUE  
10 TO BE VIOLATED. JUST FOR THE RECORD, AGAIN, I HOPE THAT YOU DO  
11 ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO EXPRESS AND TO ORGANIZE AND CONGREGATE  
12 AND TO UPHOLD AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRADITIONS, NATIVE AMERICAN  
13 TRADITIONS, ASIAN TRADITIONS, AND NOT LIKE THIS THANKSGIVING.  
14 AGAIN, THANKSGIVING SHOULD BE EVERY DAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NOT JUST IN COMMEMORATION OF THE  
19 HOLIDAY WHEN NATIVE AMERICANS WERE MURDERED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HUGO PACHECO AND THEN CANDACE OWEN. AND I  
22 THINK THAT YOU WERE SPEAKING ON 19 AND 24 RIGHT? WERE YOU?  
23 STATE YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **JULIO GIRON:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, I'M JULIO GIRON, A RESIDENT OF  
2 L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM 18, AND OUT  
3 OF RESPECT TO OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY, I WILL DO THE  
4 TRANSLATION WITH NO CHARGE TO THE L.A. COUNTY, AND I WILL DO  
5 IT FOR FREE. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

6

7 **JULIO GIRON:** ITEM 19, MS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS AN ABUSE TO  
8 THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

9

10 **JULIO GIRON:** NO GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO  
11 DISRESPECT ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [ SPEAKING  
12 SPANISH ]

13

14 **JULIO GIRON:** BUT IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA,  
15 WITH REALITY AND RESPECT AND ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT AND USE THAT EXCUSE HAS AND  
17 IN USE OF THE BROWN ACT, THAT EXCUSE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. [  
18 SPEAKING SPANISH ]

19

20 **JULIO GIRON:** THIS ITEM 18 BECAUSE OF THIS FREEDOM OF  
21 EXPRESSION. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

22

23 **JULIO GIRON:** WE, THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS, AND I'M  
24 ADDRESSING SUPERVISOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE M.T.A. YAROSLAVSKY,



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1 ARE THOROUGHLY OFFENDED WITH THESE SIGNS. WHEN THEY SAY THEN  
2 THEY'RE HAPPY TO COME BACK. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

3

4 **JULIO GIRON:** WE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS OF LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY DEMAND ON THESE SIGNS THAT SHOULD WE ARE BACK  
6 AND WE AND OUR CORRUPT LABOR UNIONS ARE THE REASON WHY YOU  
7 LOST YOUR HEALTH, YOU LOST TIME ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND YOU  
8 LOST YOUR JOB. WE ARE TOTALLY DISSATISFIED WITH THIS, AND YOU  
9 SAY IT RIGHT, YOU SAID SENOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU CALL  
10 IT CORRECTO. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU SAY IT RIGHT. THE  
11 CUSTOMERS SUFFER THE MOST. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

12

13 **JULIO GIRON:** THEREFORE, WE ARE ANNOUNCING HERE WHAT WE WILL  
14 NOT STOP, WE WILL SUE THE LABOR UNIONS, A.T.U. AND UNITED  
15 TRANSPORTATION UNION ALSO FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR ALL THE  
16 DAMAGES. [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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18 **JULIO GIRON:** AND MADAM CHAIRMAN WE THANK YOU FOR UNION AND  
19 ALSO --

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **JULIO GIRON:** BUT WE ARE NOT HAPPY, WE WERE HAPPY ESPECIALLY  
24 WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD LIKE YOU THAT RECEIVE MONEY  
25 ON THE TABLE AND UNDER THE TABLE --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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4 **JULIO GIRON:** FROM THE LABOR UNIONS, IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD CHRISTINA EDWARDS, DID SHE COME UP  
7 YET? CHRISTINA EDWARDS? YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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9 **HUGO PACHECO:** YES. MY NAME IS HUGO PACHECO.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE SPEAKING ON 19 AND 24 RIGHT?

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13 **HUGO PACHECO:** YES SO HOW DOES THAT --

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

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17 **HUGO PACHECO:** THREE MINUTES FOR BOTH. IS THAT CORRECT?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S -- FOR TOTAL, FOR THE TWO.

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21 **HUGO PACHECO:** TOTAL OKAY. SO I GOT TO BE A LITTLE CAREFUL. LET  
22 ME MENTION THAT IT KIND OF FITS TOGETHER WITH THE ITEM NUMBER  
23 24. FOR THE PAST YEAR, WE IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS, SOME OF THE  
24 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPRESS OURSELVES BEFORE OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, AND EACH TIME WE EXPRESS OURSELVES, WE



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1 ARE TOLD THAT WE'RE DISRUPTIVE, AND THIS IS KIND OF CRITICAL,  
2 BECAUSE HOW ELSE CAN WE EXPLAIN OURSELVES UNLESS WE HAVE THE  
3 RIGHT TO COME BEFORE A BOARD? I FIND THAT IF YOU SUPPORT THIS  
4 RESTRICTION THE WAY IT'S STATED AS I SAW IT A FEW MINUTES AGO,  
5 YOU ARE GOING TO VIOLATE THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SPEAK UP. WE  
6 ARE ONE VOTE PER PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WE SHOULD HAVE  
7 THAT ABILITY TO COME UP BEFORE YOU, WHO ALSO ONLY HAVE ONE  
8 VOTE AS A CONSTITUTION, TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND SAY 'YOU KNOW  
9 WHAT? I DON'T AGREE WITH YOU. I DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE  
10 DOING IN MY COMMUNITY.' AND WHETHER WE'RE DISRUPTIVE, THAT  
11 TERM, TO ME IS LIKE WAIT A MINUTE, RIGHT NOW HALF OF YOU MIGHT  
12 SEE ME AS DISRUPTIVE, THE OTHER HALF MAY NOT SEE ME, BUT WHO  
13 HAS CONTROL OVER THIS? I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FORUM  
14 BE OPEN, THAT PEOPLE BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. ON ITEM  
15 24, LET ME BE MORE EXPLICIT, THE CONTRACT ITSELF, I  
16 UNDERSTAND, INCLUDES THE WALL LOS MEMORIAS. YOU KNOW, I'VE  
17 BEEN BROUGHT UP OR CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP AGAINST ME,  
18 AND IN SOME CASES, FRAUDULENTLY, TO THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS  
19 COMMISSION, STATING THAT I'M A GAY BASHER AND A HATE MONGER,  
20 AND THAT REALLY, REALLY CONCERNS ME THAT AN ORGANIZATION  
21 THAT'S USING OUR TAXPAYER MONEY IS GOING AFTER INDIVIDUAL  
22 CITIZENS, AND HAD I NOT GONE TO AN ANTI-PROPOSITION 54 RALLY,  
23 I WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS WAS OCCURRING IN THE  
24 COUNTY. PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION. IF YOU TALK  
25 ABOUT TERRORISM, THAT ORGANIZATION IS TERRORIST. IT HAS NOT





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1 EVEN GIVEN YOU AN ACCOUNTING OF THE WAY THEY SPEND THEIR  
2 MONEY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND COULD WE ASK  
5 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL TO PLEASE COME FORWARD ALSO. SHE'S ASKING  
6 TO SPEAK ON 19 AND 24. YES. MISS OWENS AND THEN...

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8 **CANDACE OWEN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
9 I'D LIKE TO QUOTE WHAT THE PUBLIC CANNOT SEE THAT'S WRITTEN  
10 RIGHT BEFORE ME, THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE,  
11 AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. I HOPE THE  
12 PUBLIC IS PAYING ATTENTION, BECAUSE WE MIGHT HAVE TO BRING  
13 SOME BLACKOUT TO "X" OUT "PERISH FROM THE EARTH" BECAUSE WE  
14 ARE SLOWLY LOSING OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND JUST THE FACT THAT  
15 THE BOARD WOULD CHOOSE TO LIMIT OUR RIGHTS, AND I'VE BEEN  
16 COMING DOWN HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND I DON'T KNOW,  
17 MOLINA, WHAT'S TAKEN YOU SO LONG, I MEAN WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS  
18 PEOPLE, WHAT I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IS IT'S POSSIBLE THAT  
19 THERE ARE NUMEROUS PEOPLE GATHERING AND HAVING A PROTEST  
20 COMING UP AND OUT OF FEAR THAT THE PUBLIC MIGHT COME DOWN AND  
21 REALLY VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ON THE MISCONDUCT WITH CHILDREN'S  
22 SERVICES IS JUST -- AND AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF THOSE DISRUPTIVE  
23 PARENTS THAT YOU'RE IDENTIFYING ARE THOSE OF US WHO ARE  
24 LIMITED IN THE COURTS, COUNTY COUNSEL VIOLATES OUR RIGHTS,  
25 CONTINUOUSLY, AND I'M JUST SO DISHEARTENED THAT THE PUBLIC



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1 ISN'T MORE INVOLVED, BUT WHEN YOU DO HAVE US, YOU SHOULD  
2 APPRECIATE THAT THERE ARE CITIZENS WHO DO STILL CARE, BUT WHEN  
3 YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH POWER, YOU'RE BULLET PROOF VEHICLES,  
4 YOU ARE EXHIBITING THAT YOU ARE AFRAID OF THE PUBLIC AND YOU  
5 SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF THE PUBLIC, AND WHEN YOU GO AND YOU  
6 DISALLOW PEOPLE TO SPEAK, THEN, OF COURSE, WHAT ARE THEY GOING  
7 TO DO WHEN THEY CANNOT BE HEARD IN THE COURT AND THEY CANNOT  
8 BE HEARD PUBLICLY, WHERE WILL THEY GO THEN? AND THOSE ARE THE  
9 THINGS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND AS BOARD MEMBERS, YOU  
10 SHOULD BE CONCERNED, AND I DO HAVE A SUGGESTION. PERHAPS IF  
11 YOU DID NOT GIVE SO MANY AWARDS YOURSELF IN THE BEGINNING OF  
12 THE MEETINGS, WE COULD HAVE AMPLE TIME AND PERHAPS MAYBE MORE  
13 CITIZENS MIGHT COME DOWN TO THE BOARD, AND I HAVE SEEN  
14 NUMEROUS PEOPLE THAT VIOLATE THE BOARD'S CLAPPING POLICY, BUT  
15 AGAIN, THERE'S A TWO-POLICY HERE. WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT  
16 ARE HERE SPEAKING TO BENEFIT YOURSELF, YOU LET THEM SPEAK IN  
17 EXCESS OF THE TIME. AND I'M TIRED OF IT, AND THE PUBLIC -- AND  
18 I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT THERE ARE SOME CONSISTENT PEOPLE COMING  
19 DOWN HERE TRYING TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE THE PUBLIC AND WE  
20 HAVE RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US AND HOW CAN WE EXERCISE  
21 THEM WHEN YOU LIMIT THEM AND VIOLATE OUR OWN CONSTITUTIONAL  
22 RIGHTS? AND I WOULD JUST LIKE, IN CLOSING, TO REMIND THE BOARD  
23 WHAT THE DEFINITION OF A NAZI IS. WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY STATES  
24 THAT THE DEFINITION OF A NAZI IS SYSTEMATIC ELIMINATION OF  
25 OPPOSITION. SO IF YOU CAN GET RID OF THE PUBLIC, THEN YOU CAN



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1 JUST -- YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST RUN YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND  
2 JUST EXCLUDE US, BECAUSE, ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU  
3 DO ANYWAY, ISN'T IT, BURKE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE. AND YOU'RE ON 19  
6 AND 24.

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8 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** YES. CHRIS EDWARDS FROM PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.  
9 I'LL BE BRIEF ABOUT ITEM 19. IF INDEED THE EMAIL WAS CORRECT,  
10 I'M CONCERNED THAT A COPY OF THAT AMENDED MOTION WASN'T  
11 PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM SO THE PUBLIC  
12 HAD A CHANCE IT REVIEW THE ITEM FULLY, IF INDEED IT WAS  
13 AMENDED, THAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE -- IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR  
14 US TO ADDRESS WHAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE GOING TO BE, OKAY SO IT  
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE EARLIER. IN BRIEF, WHAT'S BEING  
16 ATTEMPTED IS VERY SUBJECTIVE IN DEFINITION AND I THINK THAT'S  
17 THE --

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR -- YOU'RE  
20 GOING TO SAY WHAT THE AMENDMENTS ARE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN DO IT AFTERWARDS --

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24 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** NO I JUST -- I WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOUR  
25 ATTENTION. IT WOULD'VE BEEN HELPFUL TO HAVE HAD THAT FIRST



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1 BEFORE THE ENTIRE 19 DISCUSSION OCCURRED. BUT IT BECOMES A  
2 SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN YOU USE SUBJECTIVE TERMS TO DEFINE  
3 BEHAVIOR. OKAY? SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO DEFINE BEHAVIOR, YOU  
4 NEED TO BE CONSISTENT, AND THE RULES NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR AND  
5 THEY NEED TO BE OBJECTIVE, NOT SUBJECTIVE. AND I WOULD HAVE TO  
6 SUPPORT THE OPINION THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE GET LONGER RIGHTS TO  
7 SPEAK THAN OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE SPEAKING IN YOUR  
8 BEHALF OR ON YOUR BEHALF. SO PERHAPS THAT RULE CAN BE AMENDED.  
9 ITEM 24, AND I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO PASS IT BECAUSE THAT'S  
10 GENERAL BEHAVIOR. HOWEVER, FIRST OF ALL, I DOWNLOADED THIS  
11 FROM THE INTERNET SITE AND I GOT A COPY TODAY FROM THE  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME THAT THE  
13 ENTIRE INFORMATION ON PALMS RESIDENTIAL IS MISSING, WHICH  
14 WOULD LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT THIS ITEM IS INCOMPLETE IN ITS  
15 PRESENTATION. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO  
16 REVIEW IT, LET ALONE FOR YOU FOLKS TO REVIEW IT, UNLESS OF  
17 COURSE IT IS A FAIT ACCOMPLIT, AS OFTEN OCCURS. THIS IS  
18 SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT DEVELOPING CONSORTIAS, NOWHERE DO I SEE  
19 ALIONZA MENTIONED, WHICH IS A CURRENT -- IT'S CONSORTIA, OF  
20 LATINO AND LATINO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS  
21 COUNTY. OH, THAT'S RIGHT, THEY DO IT FOR FREE. THAT MIGHT BE  
22 WHY THEY'RE NOT MENTIONED. NOR IS, I BELIEVE IT'S PRONOUNCED  
23 EUGENIA, I MAY HAVE MISPRONOUNCED THAT ONE, BUT THAT IS AN  
24 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONSORTIUM THAT EXISTS. MY  
25 CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE LIMITED DOLLARS, AND I WOULD PREFER TO



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1 SEE THOSE LIMITED DOLLARS GET THE MOST BANGS FOR THOSE BUCKS.  
2 HAVING COME FROM THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT INDUSTRY, WHERE I HAVE  
3 BEEN A MEMBER OF CONSORTIUMS, I WAS -- OUR CONSORTIUMS NEVER  
4 HAD PAID EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. WE'RE PAYING ONE FOR HERE. IT'S  
5 IN THIS BUDGET. MOST OF THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT I REVIEWED SO  
6 FAR HAVE TO DO WITH LOBBYING OR QUOTE, UNQUOTE ADVOCACY  
7 ACTIVITIES. VERY LITTLE ABOUT MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT,  
8 WHICH IS JUST WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT. I COUNTED ON A  
9 SCOPE OF -- SCOPE A-1, SCOPE A-2, AND SCOPE A-3 EXHIBITS, 15  
10 TIMES, LOBBYING, ADVOCACY, LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS, POLICY  
11 PROVISIONS ARE DESCRIBED. TWO, ABOUT BARRIERS TO CARE, MEDICAL  
12 INTERVENTION, ET CETERA. SO THIS IS NOT AN R.F.P. ON GETTING  
13 EARLY TREATMENT AND PREVENTION AND CARE OUT THERE. IT'S ALL  
14 ABOUT LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY AND PREVENTION. AT LEAST AS MY MOM  
15 WOULD SAY NAME A CAT A CAT. OH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU COULDN'T USE  
16 FUNDS IF THIS WAS ALL ABOUT LOBBYING. SUPPORT THE CONSORTIUMS  
17 IN PLACE. DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL. REVIEW THESE BUDGETS AND  
18 THEY ARE REALLY OUT OF KILTER. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YES, STATE  
21 YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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23 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GOOD AFTERNOON, I MEAN  
24 GOOD MORNING. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ITEM 19, YOU KNOW I AM  
25 CONCERNED ABOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH. I SEE, YOU KNOW, MANY OF



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1 THE SPEAKERS BEFORE ME HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN, AND I THINK  
2 THE REASON PEOPLE ARE UPSET IS BECAUSE THE LACK OF CONSISTENCY  
3 IN APPLYING THE RULE. WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE HERE FROM THE UNION  
4 TALKING AND SPEAKING, THEY CAN SPEAK BEYOND THE THREE MINUTE,  
5 THEY CAN APPLAUD, THEY CAN MAKE NOISE, THEY ARE NOT RUN OUT,  
6 BECAUSE YOU WANT THEM TO SPEAK FOR YOU. WHEN, YOU KNOW, TODAY  
7 IS COME AND DISRUPTS THE MEETING FOR ALMOST 20 MINUTES, YOU  
8 LET HIM DO IT. YOU KNOW, IN LIFE, WHEN YOU ARE FAIR WITH  
9 EVERYBODY, PEOPLE ACCEPT A LOT OF THE TOUGH RULING. AND I'M  
10 NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT ME BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TREATED FAIRLY MOST  
11 OF THE TIME, BUT I THINK YOUR DESIRE TO PREVENT PEOPLE TO  
12 SPEAK OF EACH ITEM, AND PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF, WHO ARE EXPERT IN  
13 THE FIELD THAT WE ARE SPEAKING, I AM VERY NARROW IN WHAT I  
14 SPEAK TO YOU. I ONLY SPEAK TO YOU WHAT MY EXPERTISE ALLOW ME  
15 TO DISCUSS. TO PREVENT ME TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM I WANT TO  
16 SPEAK, I THINK IS ILLEGITIMATE. BUT LIKE MY DAUGHTER SAID, YOU  
17 DON'T CARE BECAUSE YOU'VE GOING TO TAKE THE DECISION ANYWAY. I  
18 HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE BOARD FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEAR ALMOST  
19 EVERY WEEK, AND ON MAYBE ONLY ONE TIME, ONE ITEM, YOU CHANGE  
20 YOUR DECISION. WE COME TO YOU BOARD KNOWING THAT THERE IS  
21 ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE THAT IT WILL BE CHANGED BECAUSE YOU HAVE,  
22 FIRST OF ALL, A CONSENT AGENDA. WE KNOW BY ALL THE PSYCHOLOGY  
23 THAT WE KNOW, THAT WHEN SOMEBODY HAVE TAKING THE DECISION,  
24 IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE IT. SO YOU ALREADY SET  
25 YOURSELF TO HAVE TOTAL CONTROL AND YOU HAVE PROVEN ME BY





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1 ATTENDING ALL THOSE MEETINGS THAT YOU HAVE NO INTENTION TO  
2 INCORPORATE THE KNOWLEDGE WHEN IT'S BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC. AND  
3 SOME OF US OF THE PUBLIC ARE EXPERT, AND IN MANY OF THE ISSUE,  
4 KNOW MORE THAN YOU DO. FOR YOU TO EVEN LISTEN AND EVEN TRY TO  
5 COMMUNICATE WITH US AND TO MAKE SOME CHANGE. NOW I'M GOING TO  
6 BRIEFLY TALK TO ITEM 24. FIRST OF ALL, ITEM 24 SHOULD HAVE  
7 NEVER BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHOUT GOING TO THE  
8 HEALTH DEPUTY. I THINK BECAUSE THE TERM "MODIFY" APPEAR, I  
9 THINK THAT SHOULD GO BACK TO R.F.P., BUT OF COURSE THAT WILL  
10 NOT MAKE SENSE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY HAVE ALREADY  
11 OKAYED THAT IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AND ALL THE MONEY WILL GO  
12 TO ULTRA MED AND THE WALL OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THAT. DO YOUR  
13 HOMEWORK, THIS IS AN R.F.P. WHO HAVE MODIFIED, WHO HAVE BEEN  
14 CHANGED, ALTERED. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL  
15 REVIEW THAT PROPOSAL BEFORE IT'S ACCEPTED. I THINK THAT IT  
16 WILL BE IMPERATIVE THAT YOU REVIEW IT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON ITEM NUMBER 19,  
19 IT'S -- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WANTED TO ADD AN AMENDMENT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ITEM ARE WE ON SORRY?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON YOUR ITEM, 19.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES I DO. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT.  
2    AND AGAIN, THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO HOPEFULLY BRING  
3    ORDER TO OUR BOARD. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY OUT  
4    VARIOUS ITEMS AND ALSO RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC, AND THAT  
5    RESPONSIBILITY IS, AGAIN, TO LISTEN TO FOLKS THAT COME IN AND  
6    SOMETIMES THEY COME IN FROM FAR AWAY AND HAVE THOUGHTFUL  
7    RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US, AND WE ARE TRYING TO BE ATTENTIVE TO  
8    THOSE. MANY OF US WORK. IN LISTENING TO MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS  
9    ON THE ISSUES BEFOREHAND, AND SO WHEN THEY COME TO THE BOARD,  
10   WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY AND THEY'RE POSTED AND HOPEFULLY YOU  
11   COMMUNICATE WITH OUR OFFICES ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES AS WE DID  
12   IN AMENDING THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, AND MANY A TIMES, EVEN  
13   THOUGH WITH AMENDMENTS THAT ARE PROVIDED, YOU STILL CANNOT  
14   PLEASE EVERYONE, AND WE WON'T HAVE THAT ABILITY. BUT THIS  
15   ACTION IS NOT TO LIMIT AT ALL. THE BROWN ACT, WHICH IS WHAT WE  
16   ARE GOVERNED UNDER, ALLOWS US AND ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO HAVE  
17   THOUGHTFUL PUBLIC INPUT AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO COME TO  
18   US ON A REGULAR BASIS, THEY COME TO EVERY SINGLE MEETING, AND  
19   THEY HAVE VERY THOUGHTFUL INPUT INTO IT. THERE ARE MANY WHO  
20   COME AND, YES, PROVIDE INSULTING REMARKS, BUT THEY'RE ENTITLED  
21   TO DO SO. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE OBJECTING TO HERE. WHAT WE  
22   HAVE IS HAD A LOT OF DISORDER FROM PEOPLE WHO WILL HOLD ITEMS  
23   JUST TO CREATE DISRUPTION. ONCE WE'VE HAD 37 ITEMS HELD.  
24   TODAY, OUT OF THE 22 ITEMS THAT WERE BEFORE US, OTHER THAN THE  
25   ITEMS THAT WERE HELD, WE HAD 12 OF THEM WERE HELD. AND SO THIS



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1 HAS BEEN AN ONGOING INTENT TO DISRUPT AND NOT TO REALLY  
2 PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL INPUT AS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT I  
3 THINK THE BROWN ACT SPEAKS TO. SO AGAIN, THE ISSUE IS ABOUT  
4 ORDER, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT AT ANY TIME THE  
5 CHAIR, WHO IS GOVERNING THE ORDER OF THE DAY, CAN ALLOW, THE  
6 BOARD CAN ALLOW FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND ANY OF THOSE KINDS  
7 OF ASPECTS. BUT AGAIN, WE DO NEED A SET OF RULES,  
8 UNFORTUNATELY, TO GOVERN THOSE FOLKS WHO, QUOTE, 'ARE  
9 DISRUPTIVE.' THIS BOARD, FOR THE MOST PART, WORKS VERY HARD IN  
10 NEVER HAVING TO EXPEL ANYONE OUT OF THESE MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE  
11 THEY ALL SHOULD SIT HERE AND PARTICIPATE AND THAT WE SHOULD  
12 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN ORDER TO BRING ORDER TO THE ACTUAL  
13 WORK THAT WE HAVE TO DO. AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN PEOPLE ARE  
14 DISRUPTIVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A RULE IN PLACE IN ORDER TO  
15 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN CARRY OUT THAT WORK, SO I HAVE AN  
16 AMENDMENT TO THIS ITEM, WHICH IS AMENDMENT TO ITEM NUMBER 19.  
17 THE BROWN ACT ENTITLES A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK BEFORE  
18 A GOVERNING BODY AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND IDEAS  
19 REGARDING ANY ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. THE BROWN ACT ALSO  
20 ALLOWS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ANY  
21 OTHER ISSUE, BUT THE BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM ACTING ON IT  
22 UNLESS THE MATTER IS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA. DURING THE LAST  
23 SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
24 CONSISTENTLY CAUSED DELAYS AND INTERRUPTIONS OF THE MEETINGS.  
25 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM



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1 THE BOARD INSTITUTE A RULE TO EJECT DISRUPTIVE PEOPLE FROM THE  
2 MEETINGS AND, IF NECESSARY, PROHIBIT THEM FROM SPEAKING AT  
3 FUTURE MEETINGS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
4 BOARD RULES IMMEDIATELY BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE ABUSE OF  
5 PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIVILEGES BY ALLOWING THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD  
6 UPON A VOTE TO REMOVE THE PERSON WHO IS BEING DISRUPTIVE FROM  
7 THE MEETING. IN ADDITION, BASED ON THE NUMBER AND THE SEVERITY  
8 OF PRIOR INCIDENTS AND OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, THE CHAIR OR  
9 THE BOARD, UPON A VOTE, MAY PROHIBIT SUCH PERSONS FROM  
10 SPEAKING AT FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS.  
11 THE DEFINITION OF DISRUPTIVE CURRENTLY IS IN THE BOARD RULES  
12 AND INCLUDES SUCH CONDUCT AS REFUSING TO STOP ADDRESSING THE  
13 BOARD FROM THE CROWD, A BREACH OF THE PEACE, A CONTEMPTUOUS,  
14 DISORDERLY, BOISTEROUS OR VIOLENT CONDUCT THAT INTERPRETS THE  
15 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE MEETING. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
16 RULES BE AMENDED AS ATTACHED TO CONFORM TO THE BOARD'S CURRENT  
17 PRACTICE OF LIMITING EACH SPEAKER TO THREE MINUTES PER  
18 MEETING, TO DELETE THE LIMITATION WHICH IS NEVER ALLOWED THAT  
19 PEOPLE BE HEARD ONLY ON ONE ITEM PER MEETING, AND THE C.A.O.  
20 AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE BOARD ENSURE THAT NEW RULES  
21 BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. NOW, I'VE AMENDED THIS ITEM  
22 HOPEFULLY TO MEET THE NEEDS. IT IS MY INTENT THAT HOPEFULLY WE  
23 WOULD GET ORDER FROM THE CHAIR AND THAT WE OPERATE IN AN  
24 ORDERLY FASHION, THAT WE DON'T EVER HAVE TO EXPEL ANYONE,  
25 ANYONE AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO LIMIT PEOPLE FOR THE MOST



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1 PART WHEN THEY ARE BRINGING FORTH THEIR CONCERNS TO US, EVEN  
2 IN INSULTING TERMS WHATSOEVER. THIS IS AGAIN TO BRING ORDER TO  
3 THIS BOARD. THE BROWN ACT PERMITS IT, AND I THINK THAT WE ARE  
4 WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. AGAIN IT'S IS WE'VE PUT IN A PROCESS  
5 THAT ISN'T A SIMPLE PROCESS, IT IS BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR OR BY  
6 A VOTE OF THIS BOARD. SO I SUBMIT THESE AS AMENDMENTS. WE DID  
7 TALK TO VARIOUS FOLKS FOR INPUT UNDER IT, AND THIS IS THE  
8 MIDDLE GROUND THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET TO. AND SO THIS IS THE  
9 AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE ON ITEM NUMBER 19.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT DOES THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE --  
12 DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT OR HAVE YOU REVIEWED IT?

13

14 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE  
15 REVIEWED THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS PROPOSED AND WE  
16 DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT AND YOUR  
17 CURRENT BOARD RULES AND IT WILL AMEND THEM TO PROVIDE AS THE  
18 SUPERVISOR HAS JUST EXPRESSED TO THE BOARD, SO.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNDER CURRENT RULES THE CHAIR COULD HAVE A  
23 PERSON REMOVED FOR DISRUPTING THE BOARD MEETING, IS THAT NOT  
24 CORRECT?

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1    **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S THE POLICY. SECONDLY WHAT WE'RE  
4    ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE IS TO LIMIT A PERSON TO THREE MINUTES ON  
5    ONE ITEM IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7    **COUNTY COUNSEL:** TO LIMIT A SPEAKER TO THREE MINUTES TOTAL FOR  
8    ANY ITEMS HELD, AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CURRENT  
9    PROVISION IN THAT BOARD RULES THAT LIMITS A PERSON TO ONE ITEM  
10   BE DELETED, THAT HAS NOT BEEN YOUR BOARD'S PRACTICE AND THESE  
11   AMENDMENTS WOULD BRING THE RULES INTO CONFORMITY WITH YOUR  
12   PRACTICE.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT IS BEING DONE, BEING PROPOSED IS TO  
15   LIMIT A THREE-MINUTE COMMENTARY ON ONE OR MORE ITEMS THAT AN  
16   INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD?

17

18   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, DIFFICULTIES THAT I HAVE  
21   IS ON THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH AND THAT THAT SPEECH, YOU KNOW,  
22   BE LIMITED BUT NOT TO THE POINT WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE THE  
23   ABILITY OF FREE SPEECH. AND WHILE THERE ARE TIME LIMITS WHICH  
24   WE HAVE IMPOSED, SOMETIMES IF YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WE  
25   LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE, OTHERWISE IT'S A THREE-MINUTE TIME





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1 FRAME, PEOPLE IT IS AT TIMES AN INCONVENIENCE BUT AT OTHER  
2 TIMES IT -- I SHOULD SAY AT TIMES IT IS AN INCONVENIENCE BUT  
3 AT ALL TIMES IT'S A RIGHT THAT A CITIZEN HAS TO ADDRESS THEIR  
4 GOVERNING BODY, BE IT A CITY OR A COUNTY. I KNOW AT THE STATE  
5 THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS  
6 DIRECTLY IN A CONGRESSIONAL OR A LEGISLATIVE BODY. THEY DO  
7 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES AT COMMITTEE HEARINGS AT TIMES BUT THEY  
8 DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DISRUPT A STATE SENATE, STATE  
9 ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE MEETING WHEN  
10 THEY ARE DISCUSSING AND DEBATING ISSUES ON THE FLOOR BUT WHILE  
11 IT'S AN INCONVENIENCE IT'S STILL A RIGHT THAT LOCAL CITIZENS  
12 HAVE HAD. AND I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO HAVE LIMITS BUT I BELIEVE  
13 RESTRICTING IT TO THREE MINUTES FOR A NUMBER OF ITEMS GOES IN  
14 THE WRONG DIRECTION BUT THE CHAIR HAS THE POWER TO DISRUPT --  
15 TO REMOVE A DISRUPTIVE PERSON. WE HAVE EXERCISED THAT IN THE  
16 PAST, AND WE HAVE RETAINED ORDER IN THE PAST. BUT I JUST HAVE  
17 SOME SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF FREE SPEECH.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I HAVE FILED THIS RULE OF -  
20 - THAT I THINK EVERYONE I THOUGHT AGREED TO, EVEN THOUGH WE  
21 DIDN'T DO IT IN A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD POLICY, OF  
22 LIMITING PEOPLE TO THREE MINUTES, BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE  
23 THAT SIGN UP FOR 20 ITEMS. NOW IF WE GIVE EACH ONE OF THOSE  
24 THREE MINUTES FOR EACH ITEM, THEY WILL EACH HAVE ABOUT AN HOUR  
25 AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?



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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

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4 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: HOW WOULD YOU PROPOSE?

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6 SUP. ANTONOVICH: SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'VE DONE ON HEARINGS WHERE  
7 WE'VE HAD LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AND YOU LIMIT IT TO A ONE-  
8 MINUTE --

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10 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SO YOU GIVE THEM 15 MINUTES?

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12 SUP. ANTONOVICH: IT'S A -- YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH  
13 IS ONE OF OUR RIGHTS AND TO ABRIDGE THAT RIGHT HAS TO BE  
14 WITHIN A FRAME OF WORKABILITY, AND IF YOU CAN REDUCE THAT TIME  
15 FRAME TO A MINUTE, THEN PERHAPS WE HAVE TO DO IT. BUT THE  
16 HANDFUL OF GADFLIES -- AND I DON'T MEAN THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED TO  
17 MISUSE THIS RIGHT, THEY KIND OF -- IT VARIES, I MEAN EACH YEAR  
18 YOU GET A NEW GROUP OF -- A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE AND I REMEMBER,  
19 YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE FIRST ON THIS BOARD MANY YEARS AGO SOME  
20 OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAD, AND THEN THE -- MR. SHAPIRO, WITH  
21 HIS COMING DOWN AND --

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23 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: I DON'T THINK HE EVER ASKED TO SPEAK ON TEN  
24 ITEMS, I THINK HE USUALLY ASKED TO SPEAK --

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING THAT THE NUMBER, YOU  
2   KNOW, MR. ROSS, GOD BLESS HIM, HE WOULD HOLD A COUPLE ITEMS TO  
3   HIS TIME FRAME AND GET UP AND LEAVE, MUTTERING WHEN HE WOULD  
4   LEAVE. BUT, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU -- HOW A PUBLIC BODY CAN  
5   REGULATE INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS BEYOND PUTTING IN SOME TIME  
6   LIMITS AND A POLICY THAT WOULD REMOVE THEM ONCE THEY BECAME  
7   DISRUPTIVE AND DID NOT ABIDE BY THOSE TIME LIMITS, YOU KNOW.

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I THINK, I MEAN THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION IS  
12   NOT TO LIMIT FREE SPEECH. AND PART OF THE PROBLEM WE HAVE, IF  
13   YOU HOLD 20 ITEMS, THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE EITHER. THE ISSUE IS  
14   THAT THE 20 ITEMS ARE BEING HELD SO THEY CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR  
15   OWN PERSONAL SITUATION WITHIN A NON-AGENDAIZED ITEM, AND I  
16   THINK THAT'S THE SIGNIFICANT -- THE CHAIR STILL HAS  
17   FLEXIBILITY EVEN UNDER -- AND I KNOW THAT, AS I TAKE OVER NEXT  
18   WEEK AND SUPERVISOR BURKE GLADLY GIVES ME THAT CHAIR, THAT  
19   I'LL BE TESTED IMMEDIATELY. AND I THINK WE HAVE THE  
20   FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE AS GENEVIEVE MENTIONED THERE ARE THOSE  
21   THAT OFFER EXPERT TESTIMONY ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, THEY MAY HOLD  
22   MORE THAN ONE ITEM. THERE'S NO INTENT HERE NOT TO ALLOW THAT  
23   TO HAPPEN. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO IS ADD SOME DECORUM SO YOU  
24   DON'T HOLD 20 ITEMS SO THAT YOU CAN GO ABOUT, YOU KNOW, A CASE  
25   THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE SOME OTHER DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT'S



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1 THE BIG ISSUE, AND THERE'S STILL FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE  
2 CONFINES OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THIS MOTION TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW  
3 FREE SPEECH. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHERE WE'RE AT. THE  
4 CHAIR IS GONE, YOU KNOW, WE'LL BE TESTED AND THE CHAIR WILL  
5 HAVE TO ISSUE DISCRETION BECAUSE THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
6 PEOPLE TO TESTIFY ON MULTIPLE ITEMS BECAUSE THEY'RE ADDRESSING  
7 THE ITEM BEFORE US, AND NOT TO USE 20 TO ADDRESS SOMETHING  
8 THAT'S NOT BEFORE US.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO AGREE WITH MR.  
11 KNABE. I KNOW THAT WE'VE ALL CHAIRED THIS BOARD. WE'VE ALL  
12 CHAIRED OTHER BOARDS AND NEVER HAD A PROBLEM, EVEN AT THE  
13 M.T.A. WITH THE WAY WE DO IT AND WE USE OUR DISCRETION TO  
14 MODIFY OR SUSPEND THE RULES WHEN THERE IS A UNIQUE SITUATION,  
15 WHEN THERE'S A LARGE AUDIENCE THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD ON  
16 A SPECIFIC ITEM. WE'VE DONE IT HERE, WE'VE DONE IT ALL OVER  
17 THE PLACE. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. I  
18 SHARE MIKE'S ANTIPATHY TO DOING ANYTHING THAT CONSTRICTS FREE  
19 SPEECH AND I DON'T -- I KNOW MS. MOLINA IS NOT INTENDING TO DO  
20 THAT, I KNOW HER WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT SHE WOULDN'T TRY TO  
21 DO THAT. BUT I THINK SHE'S BOTHERED BY THE SAME THINGS I'VE  
22 BEEN BOTHERED BY IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. I THINK WHEN PEOPLE  
23 COME UP HERE AND MAKE RACIAL ATTACKS AT THE CHAIR, MAKE ETHNIC  
24 ATTACKS AT MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, THAT THAT IS -- THAT DOES  
25 CROSS THE LINE. THAT DOES BREAK THE DECORUM. AND THEY MAY HAVE



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1 THEIR FREE SPEECH, THEY CAN GO OUTSIDE AND SAY THAT. I DON'T  
2 HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. AND I DON'T THINK MS. BURKE HAS TO  
3 LISTEN TO IT, AND I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. AND  
4 THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DECORUM THAT NO JUDGE WOULD ALLOW  
5 THAT IN HIS COURTROOM, NO SENATOR WOULD ALLOW IT IN  
6 SACRAMENTO, NO CITY COUNCIL WOULD ALLOW IT IN THEIR CHAMBERS,  
7 NO COMMISSIONER OF OUR COUNTY WOULD ALLOW IT ON THEIR  
8 COMMISSION AND WE SHOULDN'T ALLOW IT HERE. AND I JUST AM  
9 REMINDED OF THE OLD LINE ABOUT -- FROM POTTER STEWART, THE  
10 FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO DEFINE  
11 OBSCENITY, HE SAYS 'I CAN'T DEFINE IT BUT I KNOW IT WHEN I SEE  
12 IT.' AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE, SINCE I'VE BEEN  
13 HERE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT WE'VE  
14 ASKED STEVE OR WHOEVER HIS PREDECESSOR IS, SERGEANT OF ARMS,  
15 TO ESCORT SOMEBODY OUT OF THIS ROOM. I CAN'T -- I'M SURE  
16 THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE BUT IF THERE HAS,  
17 IT HASN'T BEEN MORE THAN WHAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ONE HAND. AND  
18 USUALLY, THANKS TO HIS VERY DIPLOMATIC DEMEANOR, JUST HIS  
19 BEGINNING TO STROLL OVER USUALLY BRINGS PEOPLE INTO DECORUM.  
20 AND THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HERE  
21 TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME AND WE LISTEN TO THEM, THEY HAVE A  
22 LOT OF THINGS TO -- SOMETIMES THEY DRIVE US NUTS, SOMETIMES  
23 THEY HAVE SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO SAY, JUST LIKE WE  
24 SOMETIMES DRIVE PEOPLE NUTS AND SOMETIMES WE DO SOMETHING  
25 CONSTRUCTIVE. THAT'S FINE. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE COME UP



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1 HERE AND SPEAK HATEFUL SPEECH, AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE THE  
2 RIGHT TO SPEAK HATEFUL SPEECH, OUTSIDE. I DON'T THINK WE ARE  
3 PRECLUDED, AND I'VE READ THE BROWN ACT, I DON'T THINK THAT THE  
4 BROWN ACT PRECLUDES US FROM DRAWING A LINE ON HATEFUL SPEECH  
5 IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THIS BODY. AND FRANKLY IF IT HADN'T  
6 HAVE BEEN FOR THAT, I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR GLORIA, I DOUBT  
7 SHE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT IN A MOTION, I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE  
8 SUPPORTED A MOTION THAT ADDRESSED THIS THING IF IT HADN'T BEEN  
9 FOR SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID, AND ESPECIALLY  
10 AIMED AT YOU, MRS. BURKE, IT'S RIDICULOUS, AND, YOU KNOW, YOU  
11 CAN TAKE IT THE FIRST TIME, YOU CAN TAKE IT THE SECOND TIME,  
12 YOU'VE TAKEN IT ALL THE TIME, I CAN'T TAKE IT, AND I THINK  
13 THAT THE RULES ARE THE RULES. NOW THE FACT IS THAT THIS 90-DAY  
14 PROVISION THAT WE'VE HAD, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE ABIDED BY IT, I  
15 DIDN'T ABIDE BY IT, WHEN PEOPLE COME HERE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND  
16 WANTED TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT WE'VE LET THEM DO IT. WHEN  
17 PEOPLE HAVE COME DOWN HERE FROM LANCASTER OR FROM BOYLE  
18 HEIGHTS AND THEY WANT TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD, WE MAKE IT, EVEN  
19 IF IT'S ALREADY -- THE RULES, THEY'VE EXHAUSTED THEIR  
20 OPPORTUNITIES, WE'VE SUSPENDED THE RULES AND ALLOWED THEM TO  
21 SPEAK. THIS IS NOT A BOARD THAT TRIES TO RESTRICT SPEECH. WE  
22 TRY TO LET EVERYBODY SPEAK, AND WE DO LET EVERYBODY SPEAK, BUT  
23 THERE'S A LINE THAT I THINK HAS BEEN CROSSED HERE IN THE LAST  
24 FEW WEEKS AND THAT'S WHY I'M SUPPORTING MS. MOLINA'S EFFORTS  
25 HERE. YOU KNOW, I RAISED IT A FEW WEEKS AGO AND I THINK MR.





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1 ANTONOVICH IS RIGHT. THE RULES -- I THINK MS. MOLINA HAS IN  
2 HER MOTION HAS REITERATED WHAT THE RULES AS IT RELATES TO  
3 REMOVING PEOPLE. SHE KNOWS IF IT'S IN THE RULE BOOK NOW AND  
4 IT'S REITERATING IT. BUT WHAT SHE IS PROPOSING IN TERMS OF THE  
5 -- TRYING TO AMALGAMATE THE TIME I THINK IS A GOOD WAY TO  
6 BUDGET OUR TIME. OTHERWISE, MIKE, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GET TO  
7 OUR BUSINESS. AND IF THERE'S -- AND AGAIN, AT THE DISCRETION  
8 OF THE CHAIR SHE CAN ASK TO SUSPEND THE RULES WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SHE CAN SUSPEND THE RULES AND LET PEOPLE SPEAK IF  
10 THERE IS MORE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD OR IF THERE'S A  
11 REASON. SO I WOULD JUST -- I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS IS  
12 NOT AN EFFORT TO RESTRICT SPEECH OR RESTRICT FREEDOM OF  
13 SPEECH. LORD KNOWS THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BUT I THINK ANYBODY  
14 WHO WANTS TO REVIEW THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TAPES OF THE LAST  
15 FEW WEEKS OF MEETINGS WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL?  
18 IF A SPEAKER INJECTS A PERSONAL ATTACK, RACIAL ATTACKS, DOES  
19 THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAVE THE IMMEDIATE ABILITY  
20 TO SHUT OFF THE MICROPHONE AND RULE THEM OUT OF ORDER AND  
21 SUSPEND THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM?

22

23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE  
24 CURRENT BOARD RULES IN -- ADDRESS THAT IN PART BY PROHIBITING  
25 DISORDERLY, CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE



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1 BOARD, BUT THE IMPORTANT PART OF THAT RULE SOMETIMES ISN'T --  
2 OR PROVISION IS NOT STATED, AND THAT IS WHEN THESE EXPRESSIONS  
3 TEND TO INTERRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY COURSE OF CONDUCT OF THE  
4 MEETING. YOUR RULES DO NOT, IN OUR VIEW, PURPORT TO REGULATE  
5 SPEECH BY ITS CONDUCT, RATHER WE ARE TRYING TO REGULATE A  
6 PROCESS THROUGH REASONABLE CONSTRAINTS ON TIME LIMITS. AND  
7 THOSE ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY PERMISSIBLE RULES THAT WERE  
8 DIRECTED PURELY AT THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH WOULD BE SUSPECT  
9 AND IT WOULD DEPEND ON A FACT-SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCE BUT BECOME  
10 THEY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE SAYING IF A PERSON WANTS TO INJECT  
13 RACIAL OR PERSONAL ATTACKS, THEY ARE PERMITTED TO DO THAT  
14 REGARDLESS IF YOU PASS A NEW REVISION TODAY OR UNDER CURRENT  
15 BOARD POLICY?

16

17 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** WELL ONCE AGAIN, IT'S VERY FACT-SPECIFIC BUT I  
18 WOULD SAY THAT IN A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THE SPEECH WAS HATEFUL,  
19 SUCH AS TO INCITE VIOLENCE OR THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A RACIAL ATTACK OR A SLANDEROUS ATTACK.

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23 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IF THE SPEECH IS NOT OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY  
24 LAW, SLANDER CAN BE PRECLUDED. ADDRESSING A LEGISLATIVE BODY,  
25 HOWEVER LIMITS THOSE RULES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE BEEN HERE AND YOU HAVE HEARD SOME OF  
3 THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH IS LEADING UP TO WHERE  
4 WE ARE TODAY. DID THE CHAIR OR DOES THE CHAIR AND DOES THE  
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAVE THE ABILITY UNDER CURRENT POLICY TO CUT  
6 OFF THE MICROPHONE AND SUSPEND THAT PERSON'S RIGHT, THAT THEIR  
7 TIME IS NOW OVER AND THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR SEAT?

8

9 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IF THE CHAIR DETERMINES THAT THAT IS  
10 INTERRUPTING THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE MEETING, YES, THAT IS,  
11 UNDER YOUR RULES -- GIVES THE CHAIR THE BASIS TO --

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT TYPE OF RHETORIC -- BUT THAT TYPE OF  
14 RHETORIC IS DISRUPTIVE, IS IT NOT?

15

16 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IT MAY BE. AND THAT'S WHY I SAY IT IS VERY  
17 FACT-SPECIFIC AND I BELIEVE IT IS JUST TOO GENERAL TO --

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST READ YOU FROM THE RULES OF THE  
20 BOARD. YOU JUST TELL ME IS THIS RULE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.  
21 DISORDERLY, CONTEMPTUOUS OR INSOLENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE BOARD  
22 OR ANY MEMBER THEREOF TENDING TO INTERRUPT THE DUE AND ORDERLY  
23 COURSE OF SAID MEETING, THIS IS UNDER THE SECTION 'REMOVAL  
24 FROM THE BOARD ROOM.'

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1   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND  
2   THAT'S WHAT I REFERRED TO. THE SECOND PART OF THAT, RULE OF  
3   THE BOARD, IS OFTEN NOT QUOTED WHEN PEOPLE ARE SUGGESTING THAT  
4   THE RULES OF THE BOARD ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. BUT I BELIEVE  
5   THAT THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE, 'TENDING TO DISRUPT THE  
6   ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING' IS KEY TO THAT. MERE SPEECH IN  
7   AND OF ITSELF, EVEN HATEFUL SPEECH, IS VERY DIFFICULT TO  
8   RESTRICT IN A PUBLIC SETTING. BUT IF IT IS SPEECH THAT DOES IN  
9   THE CHAIR'S DETERMINATION OR BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD WOULD BE  
10   THE SAME, TEND TO DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING,  
11   THEN IT COULD BE PROHIBITED. THE MICROPHONE CAN BE TURNED OFF.  
12   THE PERSON COULD BE ESCORTED FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I MEAN, I -- IT'S ALL A MATTER OF  
15   CONSIDERABLE JUDGMENT HERE BUT WHEN SOMEBODY STANDS UP AND  
16   MAKES A RACIAL SLUR OR AN ETHNIC ATTACK OR RELIGIOUS ATTACK ON  
17   A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CRITICIZING THE  
18   MEMBER BUT JUST ON BASED -- IS AN ATTACK ON THEIR RACE OR  
19   ETHNICITY OR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, ONE COULD CONSTRUE THAT AS  
20   DISORDERLY. A LOT OF DISORDER HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THAT KIND OF  
21   STUFF.

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23   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THAT'S DISORDER, LIKE PORNOGRAPHY LIKE  
24   DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR AS POTTER STILL WOULD HAVE SAID.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN SOMEBODY COME HERE, CAN SOMEBODY COME UP  
2    -- WELL I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT, THAT'S JUST --

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, AGAIN THE IDEA OF THIS  
5    MOTION IS NOT TO LIMIT FREE SPEECH, NOT TO LIMIT CRITICISM AND  
6    CERTAINLY NOT TO LIMIT THOUGHTFUL PUBLIC INPUT. IT IS A SET OF  
7    GUIDELINES FOR US TO USE AS A BOARD TO BRING ORDER TO THE WORK  
8    THAT WE DO. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AS I HAVE SEEN, THE SPIRIT OF  
9    OUR MEETINGS TO BE AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE, EITHER DURING  
10   PUBLIC COMMENT OR ANYTHING. WE HAVE RULES THAT GUIDE US, AND  
11   WE HAVE UTILIZED THEM FROM TIME TO TIME. WE HAVE SEEN MORE  
12   RECENTLY A WHOLE SERIES OF INTENT TO DISRUPT. I'VE POINTED IT  
13   OUT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. I THINK THE HOLDING OF MANY ITEMS  
14   AND TRYING TO FIND TIME -- AND MR. KNABE SAID IT CORRECTLY,  
15   JUST TO, YOU KNOW, TO RAISE ISSUES THAT ARE NOT EVEN RELATED  
16   TO THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE HELD ARE INAPPROPRIATE. AND SO  
17   AGAIN ALL IT DOES IS GIVE US THE GUIDELINE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE  
18   WAY IT IS WRITTEN, IT'S WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE BOARD  
19   HAS TO TAKE AN ACTION. EITHER THE CHAIR OR THE BOARD HAS TAKEN  
20   AN ACTION TO CONSIDER THAT SOMEONE HAS SO DISRUPTED THE  
21   MEETINGS TO NOT LET ORDER TO PROCEED AND SO CONSEQUENTLY IT IS  
22   ONLY A GUIDELINE. I THINK THAT AGAIN THE ISSUE IS THAT THIS  
23   BOARD HAS TO TAKE COMMAND OF ORDER OF THE DAY. WE OPERATE  
24   UNDER ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, WE OPERATE UNDER THE BROWN ACT,  
25   AND IF YOU LOOK AT ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, IT ALLOWS THE



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1 CHAIR AND THE GOVERNING BOARD TO MAKE THOSE RULES TO BRING  
2 ORDER TO THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY. AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE  
3 TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. I DON'T THINK THIS IS IN ANY WAY  
4 GOING TO LIMIT ANYTHING -- ANYONE'S RIGHT TO SPEAK TO US OR  
5 EVEN INSULT US IF THEY WANT TO. I THINK THERE ARE LIMITATIONS  
6 TO THE KIND OF BEHAVIOR THAT GETS CARRIED OUT HERE ON A  
7 REGULAR BASIS, AND WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS BY MAKING SURE  
8 THOSE PEOPLE HOPEFULLY BRING THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT, BRING THEIR  
9 POINT OF VIEW. YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE WHO COME HERE VERY  
10 REGULARLY ON A REGULAR BASIS AND HAVE BROUGHT US VERY  
11 THOUGHTFUL INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND WE TRY AND BE  
12 AS ATTENTIVE AS POSSIBLE ON MANY OF THOSE THINGS, ALTHOUGH  
13 PEOPLE OF COURSE ACCUSE US OF NOT. BUT AGAIN THOSE ARE THEIR  
14 POINT OF VIEWS AND THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THEM AND THEY'RE  
15 ENTITLED TO BRING THEM. THIS MOTION AND THIS EXTENSION OF ON  
16 OUR RULES IS AGAIN TO BRING ORDER TO THE BUSINESS THAT WE  
17 CARRY OUT FOR THE TEN MILLION RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
18 EACH OF US HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THOSE -- BY THOSE VOTERS TO  
19 REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS AND WE DO IT NOT ONLY IN OUR BOARD  
20 MEETINGS HERE EVERY SINGLE TUESDAY BUT IN OUR OFFICES AND IN  
21 THE WORK THAT WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND PEOPLE COME UP TO US  
22 ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TALK TO US AND WE TRY AND BE AS  
23 THOUGHTFUL AS WE CAN. WE OFFER OUR OFFICES TO MAKE AVAILABLE  
24 PEOPLE TO CALL US WITH CONSTITUENT ISSUES. ALL OF US HAVE --  
25 THERE ARE MANY, MANY WAYS THAT WE TRY AND BE AS ATTENTIVE AS





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1 WE CAN TO THE PUBLIC. WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO PLEASE THEM EVERY  
2 SINGLE TIME, THAT IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT ANY OF US WILL OFFER  
3 YOU AT THIS POINT AND TOO, WE HAVE A TOUGH TIME TRYING TO  
4 BUILD CONSENSUS AMONGST THE FIVE OF US TO GET MUCH OF THE WORK  
5 DONE. BUT JUST BECAUSE WE CAN'T SAY YES TO YOUR REQUEST OR  
6 INCLUDE YOUR AMENDMENT OR INCLUDE WHAT YOU HAVE AS THE WAY  
7 WE'RE GOING TO GO DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT BEING  
8 ATTENTIVE. SO AGAIN, ALL THIS MOTION IS IS A SET OF GUIDELINES  
9 TO GIVE US ORDER IN OUR MEETINGS TO CARRY FORTH THE WORK OF  
10 THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS INTENDED TO BE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
13 MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS, AND CALL THE ROLL.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES, WITH SUPERVISOR  
11 ANTONOVICH ABSTAINING.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I'M GOING TO CALL 32-B AND THEN  
14 I'LL COME RIGHT BACK TO 24. ALL RIGHT, THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON  
15 ASKING TO SPEAK ON 32-B, AND THAT'S MIRIAM KRINSKEY. AND I  
16 DON'T -- MAY I JUST ANNOUNCE I THINK SPEAKING OUT AND  
17 SCREAMING OUT IN THE MEETING, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY  
18 QUESTION BUT THAT THAT IS CONSIDERED DISRUPTIVE ACTION. YES.  
19 OKAY, ALL RIGHT PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. HOW ARE YOU? NO, GO  
20 AHEAD. STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** I THINK DR. SANDERS HAS DEFERRED TO ME TO  
23 TAKE THE LEAD INITIALLY SO LET ME START. GOOD MORNING, MADAM  
24 CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIRIAM KRINKSEY,  
25 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER. AS



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1 THE BOARD IS AWARE, MY ORGANIZATION SERVES AS THE VOICE IN THE  
2 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM FOR OVER 20,000 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED  
3 CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPENDENCY  
4 COURT. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP  
5 AND COMMITMENT TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR MANY ABUSED AND  
6 NEGLECTED CLIENTS. AND IN PARTICULAR, AS WE ARE FOCUSING ON  
7 TODAY, WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO TURN THE CORNER  
8 IN REGARD TO ONE OF THE BEDROCK NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS. A SOUND,  
9 A STABLE AND A QUALITY EDUCATION. WE KNOW ALL TOO WELL THE  
10 EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES THAT YOUTH AND FOSTER CARE AND UNDER  
11 THE JURISDICTION OF OUR PROBATION SYSTEM ARE SUBJECT TO AND  
12 THE DRAMATIC EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP THAT THESE YOUTHS  
13 SUFFER FROM. NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ARE  
14 BELOW GRADE LEVEL. APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THEM ARE IN SPECIAL  
15 EDUCATION. AND AS FEW AS HALF OF THEM GRADUATE FROM HIGH  
16 SCHOOL. AND AS FEW AS 15% OF THEM EVEN ENROLL IN HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION. SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THESE TROUBLED YOUTH  
18 TODAY BECOME TOMORROW'S TROUBLED ADULTS. WITHIN THEIR FIRST  
19 FEW YEARS AFTER EMANCIPATING FROM OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, OVER  
20 HALF OF TODAY'S FOSTER YOUTH WILL BECOME UNEMPLOYED. ONE IN  
21 FOUR WILL END UP HOMELESS AND DESTINED TO A LIFE ON THE  
22 STREETS AND AS HIGH AS ONE IN FIVE OF THEM WILL END UP IN THE  
23 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INCARCERATED. WE HAVE TO START WITH  
24 THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THAT IS NO WAY FOR US AS A COMMUNITY  
25 TO PARENT THESE YOUTH. THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF PROBATION



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1 YOUTH ARE NO LESS COMPELLING. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT SCHOOL  
2 STABILITY, SUCCESS AND ATTAINMENT IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING A  
3 BETTER FUTURE FOR THESE CHILDREN. SCHOOL IS OFTEN THE ONE AND  
4 ONLY ANCHOR AND CONSTANT FOR THESE YOUTH, YET YOUTH IN FOSTER  
5 CARE MOVE FROM PLACEMENT TO PLACEMENT AND SCHOOL TO SCHOOL FAR  
6 TOO OFTEN AND FAR TOO OFTEN WE DON'T ATTEND TO THEIR  
7 EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. THE RECENT STORY ON KCBS IN REGARD TO THE  
8 FATE OF CHILDREN IN MANY NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS WAS A RECENT  
9 EXAMPLE OF OUR FAILURE TO ATTEND TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF  
10 THESE YOUTH. WHILE THERE ARE ADMITTEDLY SOME EXCELLENT  
11 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, ON A SYSTEMIC LEVEL WE NONETHELESS ALLOW  
12 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE BELOW PAR AND FAILING OUR YOUTH TO  
13 CONTINUE TO EXIST. THERE'S A LACK OF ADEQUATE OVERSIGHT,  
14 THERE'S A LACK OF INSPECTIONS, THERE'S A LACK OF DEMANDING OF  
15 CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS, THERE'S A LACK OF A DEMAND FOR  
16 CURRICULUM STANDARDS AND THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY FINANCIAL  
17 INCENTIVES THAT ALLOW THESE PLACES TO CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.  
18 TOO OFTEN AS WE HEARD FROM THE VOICES OF YOUTH IN THESE  
19 SCHOOLS, STAND-UP TEACHING IS THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE  
20 RULE AND SCHOOL BECOMES AN EXERCISE IN GLORIFIED BABYSITTING  
21 RATHER THAN LEARNING. THE COMMON LINK IN TURNING THE CORNER  
22 AND MOVING AHEAD IS REFLECTED IN THE REPORT BEFORE YOU TODAY.  
23 WE ARE A FRAGMENTED SYSTEM WHEN IT COMES TO THE EDUCATIONAL  
24 NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN. AND WE SIMPLY MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF  
25 PULLING THOSE FRAGMENTS TOGETHER AND COLLABORATING AND



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1 COOPERATING THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM IN REGARD TO BETTER  
2 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THESE YOUTH. THROUGH RECENT EFFORTS  
3 OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE SOUGHT TO PUT TOGETHER SOME OF THE  
4 BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FUTURE OF COLLABORATION AND  
5 COORDINATION. LAST MAY WE HAD A HISTORIC GATHERING IN LOS  
6 ANGELES THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PARTICIPATED IN. A ONE-DAY  
7 EDUCATION SUMMIT WHERE WE BROUGHT OVER 100 LEADERS TOGETHER  
8 FROM THE EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, CHILD WELFARE, PROBATION AND  
9 JUDICIAL SYSTEMS TO TALK ABOUT AND FORGE SOLUTIONS FOR DEALING  
10 WITH THESE EDUCATIONAL HURDLES AND CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE.  
11 AND ONE OF THE RESOUNDING THEMES THAT CAME OUT OVER THE COURSE  
12 OF THAT DAY WAS THE NEED FOR AN OVERSIGHT COORDINATING BODY  
13 THAT WOULD ATTEND NOT ONCE A YEAR OR HERE AND AGAIN BUT ON A  
14 CONTINUOUS BASIS FOR OVERSIGHT IN REGARD TO THE EDUCATIONAL  
15 NEEDS OF THOSE CHILDREN. IT WAS THAT RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME  
16 OUT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THAT DAY-LONG GATHERING THAT BIRTHED  
17 THE NOTION OF THE EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL AND IT WAS  
18 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AS A BOARD THAT CAUSED US THREE  
19 MONTHS BACK TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP, TO TRY TO ADD MORE  
20 DETAIL TO THIS CONCEPT OF AN EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.  
21 THE WORKING GROUP WITH THE LEADERSHIP FROM ALL PARTS OF THE  
22 SYSTEM MET ON NUMEROUS TIMES AND TO SOLICIT BROADER INPUT HELD  
23 A ONE-DAY, AN AFTERNOON GATHERING ON OCTOBER 29TH WITH OVER 80  
24 LEADERS FROM THE EDUCATIONAL, JUDICIAL, CHILD WELFARE,  
25 PROBATION, ADVOCACY, FOSTER PARENT, CAREGIVER COMMUNITIES. THE



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1    RESOUNDING ENDORSEMENT OF EVERYONE WHO CAME THAT AFTERNOON FOR  
2    THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL COULD NOT  
3    HAVE BEEN CLEARER. AND THE CONCEPT PAPER THAT'S BEFORE YOU  
4    TODAY SEEKS TO ENUMERATE THE FRAMEWORK FOR SUCH A BODY. I LOOK  
5    FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS AND TO PURSUING IN  
6    COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD ON FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF  
7    THIS GROUP AND FOR HOW WE DO A BETTER JOB IN REGARD TO THE  
8    EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THESE YOUTH AND IN REGARD TO THE VERY  
9    DRAMATIC CONCERNS RAISED WITH THOSE YOUTH WHO ARE IN NONPUBLIC  
10    SCHOOLS.

11

12    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

13

14    **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME, YOU SAID THERE'S A CONCEPT PAPER. DO  
15    YOU HAVE A COPY OF IT?

16

17    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IT'S ATTACHED TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD.  
18    AS -- AND I CAN PULL MINE OUT, I'M HAPPY TO DO SO, IT MAY HAVE  
19    HIGHLIGHTING ON IT BUT THAT COULD BE A GOOD THING.

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DON'T -- IS THAT FROM THE C.A.O.?

22

23    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IT IS ATTACHMENT A. AND IF YOU DON'T MIND  
24    I'LL --

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT -- WHAT'S THE COVER, MIRIAM, THE  
2    COVER IS FROM WHOM?

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4    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** I'M SORRY. THE COVER IS FROM DR. SANDERS, AS  
5    WELL AS RICHARD SHUMSKY, ENTITLED EDUCATION COORDINATING  
6    COUNCIL AND EDUCATION UNIT.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T HAVE ONE EITHER. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL  
9    OF US DON'T HAVE THAT.

10

11    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND THIS IS AN ATTACHMENT TO THAT DOCUMENT.

12

13    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOVEMBER 21ST.

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15    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** OKAY.

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17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOVEMBER 21ST YEAH.

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19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

20

21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DR. SANDERS?

22

23    **DR. SANDERS:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND IT HAS BEEN A  
24    PLEASURE WORKING WITH MS. KRINSKEY ON THIS ISSUES. THE COUNTY  
25    CONTRACTS WITH GROUP HOMES TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR



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1 CHILDREN IN OUR CARE AND THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES IN  
2 APRIL. GROUP HOMES OFTEN USE OR OPERATE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO  
3 EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN, SO I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON -- BROADLY ON  
4 THE GROUP HOME CONTRACT AND CONTRACT PROCESS IN ADDRESSING  
5 THIS ISSUE AND WE'LL TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT SOME OF THE  
6 EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE WITH THE NEW  
7 PROCESS AS I PRESENT. HISTORICALLY THE FACT THAT THE RATE FOR  
8 GROUP HOMES IS SET BY THE STATE HAS -- AND THERE IS A BELIEF  
9 BY SOME THAT THE STATE, THROUGH THEIR ROLE, HAS DETERMINED THE  
10 DELIVERABLES, HAS LED THE COUNTY TO HAVE A LIMITED ROLE IN THE  
11 GROUP HOME CONTRACTS. AS A RESULT THE COUNTY HAS NOT  
12 HISTORICALLY REQUIRED CLEAR OUTCOMES AS PART OF ITS CONTRACT  
13 WITH GROUP HOMES. IN ADDITION HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NEGOTIATED  
14 WITH THE GROUP HOMES AS AN ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH THAT  
15 NEGOTIATION PROCESS LIMITED, IN MY OPINION, THE EXPECTATIONS  
16 THE COUNTY HAS OVER GROUP HOMES. FURTHERMORE WE'VE LIMITED OUR  
17 ABILITY TO BRING IN NEW PROVIDERS AS OUR NEEDS CHANGE. AS A  
18 RESULT WE'RE LOOKING TO CHANGE BOTH THE CONTRACT AND THE  
19 PROCESS. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT  
20 BEFORE GOING INTO DETAIL. FIRST I BELIEVE IT'S OUR OBLIGATION  
21 TO IDENTIFY, OUR OBLIGATION AS A COUNTY, TO IDENTIFY WHAT'S  
22 BEST FOR CHILDREN AND TO SET A HIGH STANDARD AND TO EXPECT  
23 THAT DEPARTMENT STAFF AND PROVIDERS MEET THOSE STANDARDS. THE  
24 CONTEXT SHOULD BE WHAT'S BEST FOR CHILDREN. SECOND, GROUP  
25 HOMES ARE A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM.



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1 WE MUST WORK SUCCESSFULLY WITH THEM IN ACHIEVING BETTER  
2 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN. LAST WEEK I MET WITH OVER 200 GROUP  
3 HOME PROVIDERS, OR AT LEAST 200 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE  
4 AND COVERED FIVE AREAS THAT WOULD BE THE FOCUS FOR OUR  
5 CONTRACT PROCESS. UNLIKE OTHER JURISDICTIONS LIKE ILLINOIS  
6 PARTICULARLY, THAT ARE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE RATES BASED ON  
7 PERFORMANCE, OUR GROUP HOME RATES ARE SET BY THE STATE.  
8 HOWEVER WE CAN DETERMINE WHETHER WE USE PROVIDERS BASED ON  
9 THEIR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN OUTCOMES. THE FOLLOWING ARE  
10 THE AREAS THAT I PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON AS PART OF THE  
11 DISCUSSION AND WILL BE USED AS PART OF THE CONTRACT PROCESS.  
12 THERE WERE TWO PROCESS ISSUES THAT I'LL JUST COVER BRIEFLY.  
13 ONE, WE MUST HAVE A RESOURCE FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN WE CARE  
14 FOR. GROUP HOMES ARE CRITICAL IN ASSURING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN  
15 BUT WE HAVE SOME CHILDREN NOW THAT AREN'T ACCEPTED BY ANY  
16 PROVIDER. THAT'S A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT HAS TO CHANGE. SECOND, WE  
17 MUST DISCONTINUE AS MS. KRINSKEY TALKED ABOUT, THE FREQUENT  
18 MOVES OF SOME CHILDREN. CHILDREN DESERVE STABILITY AND OUR  
19 OBLIGATION AS BOTH THE PURCHASER AND PROVIDER OF SERVICES IS  
20 TO ASSURE THIS. SO WITH THREE CRITICAL OUTCOMES THAT I FOCUSED  
21 ON WITH THE GROUP HOME PROVIDERS INDICATING THAT WE WOULD USE  
22 THESE IN DETERMINING AS PART OF THE STRUCTURE FOR THE CONTRACT  
23 AND IN DETERMINING WHETHER WE USE GROUP HOMES INTO THE FUTURE.  
24 FIRST IS SAFETY, WE MUST REDUCE THE RATE OF ABUSE FOR CHILDREN  
25 RECEIVING GROUP HOME SERVICE. SECOND VERY BRIEFLY, IS THAT



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1 YOUTH IN ALMOST ALL CASES SHOULD BE IN FAMILY SETTINGS. GROUP  
2 HOME SUCCESS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE SUBSEQUENT SUCCESS  
3 THAT YOUTH HAVE IN A FAMILY SETTING AND THE GROUP HOME LENGTH  
4 OF STAY NEEDS TO BE SHORTENED. FINALLY AND MOST PERTINENT TO  
5 THIS DISCUSSION, MEASURED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT NEEDS TO  
6 IMPROVE FROM ADMISSION TO DISCHARGE. TOO MANY CHILDREN IN  
7 FOSTER CARE TODAY HAVE MARGINAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND OUR  
8 USE OF SPECIFIC GROUP HOMES SHOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THEIR  
9 ASSURANCE OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR YOUTH IN THEIR CARE. IT'S MY  
10 BELIEF THAT WE CAN ASSURE THE STORIES ON THE CBS SPECIAL ABOUT  
11 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AREN'T REPEATED BY ESTABLISHING ACADEMIC  
12 IMPROVEMENT AS AN EXPECTED OUTCOME IN OUR CONTRACTS. FINALLY,  
13 WE DISCUSSED WITH PROVIDERS OUR CURRENT PLAN TO USE A REQUEST  
14 FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS FOR THIS CONTRACT.  
15 THIS WOULD BE USED FOR ALL PROVIDERS AND WOULD ASSURE OUR  
16 ABILITY TO IDENTIFY WHAT'S BEST FOR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY IN  
17 THE AREA OF EDUCATION AND REQUEST THAT PROVIDERS WE USE HAVE  
18 COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH US TO IMPROVE THE ABOVE OUTCOMES,  
19 INCLUDING EDUCATION AS WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE. THANK YOU  
20 AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
21 THE BOARD AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION, IN OUR CONTRACTING WITH GROUP  
2   HOMES, DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE A PRECONDITION THAT THEY  
3   HAVE TO HAVE ESTABLISHED EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN PLACE AND A  
4   RECORD OF PAST ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE STANDARDS?

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6   **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT'S  
7   ACTUALLY OUR INTENTION AS WE DEFINE WHAT ARE CALLED IN THE  
8   CONTRACT THE DELIVERABLES. WE WOULD LOOK AT SPECIFIC STEPS  
9   THAT THE GROUP HOME NEEDS TO TAKE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN  
10   MEASURE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE -- THEY HAVE PIECES IN PLACE  
11   THAT WILL ALLOW FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, AND WE CAN DEFINE WHAT  
12   THOSE ARE.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS MONTHLY CONTACT  
15   WITH A FOSTER CHILD, IT'S NOT PART OF THAT CONTACT TO HAVE A  
16   DISCUSSION ABOUT THEIR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND  
17   ACHIEVEMENTS?

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19   **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT HAS NOT  
20   BEEN AN EXPECTATION HISTORICALLY.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT DOES THE SOCIAL WORKER SAY TO THE  
23   CHILD?

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1 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT ACTUALLY  
2 VARIES AND I THINK IT'S AN AREA THAT WE HAVE FOCUSED ON AS  
3 NEEDING SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT. IT VARIES FROM A VERY BRIEF  
4 INTERACTION THAT JUST ACCOMMODATES THE POLICY REQUIREMENT ALL  
5 THE WAY TO AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CHILD'S  
6 FUNCTIONING UNIT AND AT THIS POINT IT VARIES CONSIDERABLY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF SERIOUS  
9 DISCUSSION AND THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR DIDN'T SUPPORT THE  
10 MONTHLY VISITATION AND MEMBERS HERE DID SUPPORT THAT. AND TO  
11 HAVE THAT TYPE OF COMMUNICATION BUT IT SEEMS TO ME A LOT OF  
12 THESE CHILDREN IN THE INFERIOR HOMES WERE NOT BEING  
13 INTERVIEWED, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **DR. SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE THAT IS CORRECT.  
16 AND I BELIEVE THAT, IN FACT, THE MONTHLY CONTACT THAT WAS EVEN  
17 DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE IS INADEQUATE AND THAT THE EXPECTATION AS  
18 I HAD IDENTIFIED EARLIER WE NEED TO SET HIGHER STANDARDS. I  
19 BELIEVE THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE WILL NEED TO SET A  
20 HIGHER STANDARD IN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD HOMES OUT  
23 THERE, THE FLORENCE CRITTENDEN HOME, JOURNEY HOUSE, HILLSIDES,  
24 SYCAMORE, MCKINLEY, AND THEN YOU SEE AS WAS DEPICTED IN THE  
25 INTERVIEW THIS DILAPIDATED MOTEL THAT HAS NO EDUCATIONAL





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1 SUPPLIES, COMPUTERS OR ANY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES GOING ON,  
2 WITH CHILDREN SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR AND AT THEIR DESK. THESE  
3 INDIVIDUALS, AND WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW THE STATE CAN  
4 ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO EXIST OR WHY IN THE PAST WE COULDN'T  
5 HAVE INCLUDED THOSE STANDARDS IN THOSE CONTRACTS WITH THESE  
6 GROUP HOMES BEFORE THEY EVER RECEIVED THIS STIPEND FROM THE  
7 TAXPAYERS.

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9 **DR. SANDERS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT IS MY  
10 BELIEF THAT BEGINNING WITH THE NEW CONTRACT PROCESS, IN FACT,  
11 REGARDLESS OF THE OVERSIGHT THE STATE PROVIDES WITH NONPUBLIC  
12 SCHOOLS, WE SHOULD HAVE IT AS AN EXPECTATION FOR GROUP HOMES.  
13 AND SO AS THEY ARE WORKING WITH WHETHER IT'S NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS  
14 OR WHETHER IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING THAT THE UNDERSTANDING  
15 IS THAT WE WILL BE JUDGING THOSE GROUP HOMES ON THEIR ABILITY  
16 TO ASSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL CHILDREN. AND AS A RESULT I  
17 BELIEVE THAT WE CAN, THROUGH THE CONTRACT, DO MUCH CLOSER  
18 MONITORING THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE HISTORICALLY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THESE GROUP HOMES ARE  
21 RECEIVING \$20,000 TO \$40,000 PER CHILD, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS  
22 RECEIVING A LITTLE OVER \$6,000 PER CHILD, AGAIN, THE FLORENCE  
23 CRITTENDEN HOME HAS THAT CREDIBLE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AS AN  
24 EXAMPLE. AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS UNDERSTAND THE SUCCESS OF  
25 THOSE STUDENTS AND THEN YOU HAVE THIS, AGAIN, THESE CASES



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1 WHERE CRIMINAL INTENT IS TAKING PLACE BECAUSE THEY'RE  
2 DEFRAUDING, THOSE OWNERS ARE DEFRAUDING THE CHILDREN AND THEIR  
3 FUTURE, THE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE INVESTED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY  
4 FOR THAT CHILD'S WELFARE AND THE SYSTEM HAD A BLIND EYE TOWARD  
5 THAT AND IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. I MEAN THIS WAS VERY GOOD  
6 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT PUT THE STATE ON NOTICE THERE'S A  
7 DEFICIENCY AND ALLOWS THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PUT IN SOME  
8 SAFEGUARDS NOW TO OVERCOME THOSE STATE DEFICIENCIES.

9

10 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY RESPOND, BECAUSE I THINK  
11 YOUR COMMENTS POINT OUT IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT ALL LEVELS  
12 OF THE SYSTEM ARE LETTING THESE CHILDREN DOWN. FROM THE STATE  
13 TO THE LOCAL TO THE PROVIDERS, WE ARE SIMPLY NOT DOING THE JOB  
14 THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DO. AND WHILE THERE ARE SOME VERY  
15 FINE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, IN MY MIND THOSE ARE SIMPLY A  
16 DEMONSTRATION OF THE FACT THAT IT CAN BE DONE FOR ANY SINGLE  
17 SCHOOL, LET ALONE MORE THAN ONE, TO EXIST OF THE NATURE THAT  
18 WAS RECOUNTED IN THE STORY IS INTOLERABLE. AND IT HAS TO START  
19 AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER. IT HAS TO START  
20 WITH THE STATE TAKING MORE SERIOUSLY AND EMPOWERING IT THROUGH  
21 LEGISLATIVE REFORM THE NOTION OF WHAT WE DO TO CERTIFY AND HOW  
22 WE INSPECT THESE FACILITIES. INSPECTIONS EVERY FOUR YEARS  
23 THROUGH ANNOUNCED VISITS ARE SIMPLY INADEQUATE AS A STARTING  
24 POINT. IT HAS TO FILTER DOWN TO A COUNTY LEVEL WHERE WE ARE  
25 ALL JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND



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1    PROGRESS OF THESE YOUTH. AND IT HAS TO FLOW INTO THE  
2    PROVIDERS, NOT SIMPLY THROUGH THE OUTCOMES BUT ALSO THE  
3    PROVIDERS HAVE TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE LAW THAT MAKES  
4    CLEAR THAT IT'S ILLEGAL TO REQUIRE THAT YOUTH WHO ARE PLACED  
5    THERE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND  
6    PUT IN A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OFTEN HAS A FINANCIAL  
7    RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PLACEMENT AND GROUP HOME. SO WE HAVE TO  
8    TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE NOTION THAT MANY OF THESE YOUTH  
9    DESERVE TO BE IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY'RE  
10   NOT ISOLATED AND REMOVED FROM EVERYDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND  
11   EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES ALONG  
12   WITH BEING A CHILD.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MY MOTION, I'LL JUST -- TO AMEND THE ITEM  
15   TO ALSO INCLUDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
16   SERVICES WITH THE -- AND THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER TO DEVELOP  
17   PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS TO ASSURE THAT SOCIAL WORKERS, GROUP  
18   HOME PROVIDERS AND CAREGIVERS TEND TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF  
19   THE FOSTER YOUTH, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, PROBATION,  
20   DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN COLLABORATION  
21   WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER SEEK AND SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE  
22   REFORMS TO ESTABLISH MONITORING, OVERSIGHT AND PERFORMANCE  
23   MEASUREMENTS RELATED TO THE CURRICULUM AND THE QUALITY OF THE  
24   CLASSROOM TEACHERS. EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE CIVIL  
25   BRAND COMMISSION AS -- OR ANOTHER ENTITY TO CONDUCT MONTHLY



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1    INSPECTIONS OF THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH GROUP  
2    HOMES AND THE AUDITOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL  
3    TO INVESTIGATE THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FEATURED IN THE KCBS  
4    REPORT FOR POTENTIAL MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND THE AUDITOR-  
5    CONTROLLER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
6    EVALUATE THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH GROUP HOMES AND  
7    REPORT BACK QUARTERLY TO THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO ANY  
8    VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW AND MISUSE OF FUNDS OR IMPROPER  
9    PRACTICES.

10

11    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

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13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
14    KNABE, BUT MAY I JUST ASK, IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU WOULD  
15    INCLUDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SINCE THEY  
16    WOULD HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THE EDUCATIONAL  
17    COMPONENT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA:** I LOOKED AT THAT REPORT AND I WAS AS APPALLED AS  
20    ANYONE ELSE WAS WHO DID SEE IT. BUT I WAS THOROUGHLY CONFUSED  
21    AND STILL AM TODAY. THESE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE MONITORED BY  
22    WHO, THE STATE, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. DO WE AS L.A. COUNTY,  
23    CAN WE GO IN AND CLOSE DOWN ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS?

24

25    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.



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1  
2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, WE CANNOT. SO THE REPORT WAS VERY  
3 CONFUSING. IT MADE IT SOUND AS THOUGH WE THE COUNTY ARE  
4 SENDING OUR FOSTER CHILDREN TO THESE FACILITIES. NOW WE HAVE  
5 AND WE ARE TRYING TO GET CONTROL OF OUR FOSTER FACILITIES AND  
6 CREATE A NEW SET OF EXPECTATIONS BY OUR CONTRACTS. AND WE ARE  
7 GOING TO GO THROUGH THAT AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT'LL  
8 SOON BE BEFORE US. BUT ON THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT, AND I  
9 THINK THIS IS WHAT WAS MISUNDERSTOOD, IS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE  
10 THE JURISDICTION. NOW, I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
11 MOTION IS GOOD BUT I THINK WE SHOULD JUST SEEK LEGISLATION AND  
12 FIND AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION, FIND AN AUTHOR AND GET THAT  
13 UNDER OUR CONTROL. NOW, DO WE WANT IT UNDER OUR CONTROL OR DO  
14 WE NOT? I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE. I'M CONCERNED THAT THE STATE  
15 IS ALLOWING THESE SCHOOLS TO OPERATE AND ARE PAYING THE  
16 PROVIDERS AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY TO EDUCATE THOSE KIDS AND  
17 HAVING NO STANDARDS WHATSOEVER, WHAT I SAW IN THE CBS SPECIAL  
18 WAS APPALLING. I KNOW IT EVEN GOES ON IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS,  
19 MORE THAN LIKELY, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU HAD AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
20 DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A TEACHER IN THE CLASSROOM MOST OF THE TIME.  
21 THE KIDS WERE JUST IN THERE, YOU KNOW, SITTING AROUND. IT'S  
22 JUST -- THERE WAS NO STANDARDS WHATSOEVER. SO I THINK THERE'S  
23 A MISUNDERSTANDING HERE, AT LEAST THERE IS ON MY PART AND I  
24 THINK THE REST OF THE PUBLIC AND I THINK THAT BECAUSE IT'S  
25 BEING DISCUSSED HERE, YOU'RE ALSO LAYING IT ON OUR DOORSTEP



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1 AND IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, WE'D LIKE TO TAKE CARE  
2 OF EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES WRONG BUT I JUST WANT  
3 PEOPLE TO KNOW, NUMBER ONE, WE CAN'T YANK THOSE KIDS OUT OF  
4 THAT PROGRAM. AND NUMBER TWO, WE CAN'T CLOSE DOWN THAT  
5 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, RIGHT?

6

7 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, I AGREE WITH THE  
8 MAJORITY OF WHAT YOU SAID. I'M NOT SURE WITH ALL OF IT. AND  
9 LET ME TELL YOU --

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ASKING THE QUESTION. CAN WE CLOSE IT DOWN?

12

13 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** YOU CAN REMOVE THE CHILD FROM THAT GROUP HOME  
14 AND IT IS BY --

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. THAT'S A DIFFERENT  
17 ISSUE. THAT'S THE GROUP HOMES. WE HAVE JURISDICTION OVER GROUP  
18 HOMES, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ASPECT OF IT, BUT --

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY OPERATE THE SCHOOL, THE GROUP HOME  
21 OPERATES THE SCHOOL, THAT'S THE DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND --

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE DO NOT OPERATE -- WE DO  
2   NOT GIVE THE CONTRACT TO THE GROUP HOME TO OPERATE THE SCHOOL.  
3   WE -- THE GROUP HOME OPERATES THE GROUP HOME AND THAT WE  
4   CONTRACT WITH. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE LINE OF  
5   AUTHORITY.

6

7   **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** IF YOU -- THE SECOND, I'M SORRY.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO AGAIN THESE CHILDREN FOR WHATEVER REASON  
10   HAVE BEEN TOSSED OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THEY'VE BEEN IN -- AND  
11   NOW THIS GROUP HOME HAS DECIDED TO DEVELOP THIS, WHAT IS  
12   CALLED A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE CHILDREN.  
13   AGAIN, WE COULD -- I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN TAKE THE CHILD OUT.  
14   WE CAN TAKE THEM OUT OF THE GROUP HOME BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT  
15   YET WE CAN TAKE THAT CHILD. WE WOULD HAVE TO GO AROUND  
16   MONITORING ALL OF THESE. WE DON'T SET THEM UP. THE STATE BOARD  
17   OF EDUCATION DOES AND THEY DON'T MONITOR THEM. SO WE'RE SORT  
18   OF STUCK IN BETWEEN HERE AND THAT'S WHY I WANT US TO MAKE SURE  
19   THAT WE UNDERSTAND OUR JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. 'CAUSE  
20   RIGHT NOW FROM THIS MOTION WE'RE ALSO TAKING OWNERSHIP, AND SO  
21   I DON'T MIND, I DON'T MIND AGAIN BUT I WANT US TO UNDERSTAND  
22   WHERE WE'RE AT NOW. AND I'VE BEEN ASKING ALL AROUND HERE  
23   BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GOING WHO RUNS THEM, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF  
24   THEM. AND IT'S THE STATE, SO THAT'S WHY I WANT TO KNOW THAT  
25   ISSUE AND IF WE WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEM THAT'S FINE BUT



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1 WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND AND WE HAVE TO GET PAID BY THE STATE TO  
2 SEND IN MONITORS TO MONITOR THE -- THESE SCHOOLS. I'D LOVE TO  
3 SEND IN STATE MONITORS TO MONITOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BECAUSE  
4 THERE ARE MANY A FIFTH GRADER WHO IS NOT EVEN READING AT A  
5 SECOND GRADE LEVEL AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE HELD  
6 ACCOUNTABLE AS WELL. AND I HAVE HAD IN MY, YOU KNOW, WHEN MY  
7 DAUGHTER WAS GOING TO SCHOOL, WE HAD A TEACHER WHO DID NOTHING  
8 BUT SHOW THEM FILMS EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND WE HAD TO GO IN  
9 THERE AS PARENTS TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING. SO IT  
10 REQUIRES MONITORING A LOT. BUT THE ISSUE HERE IS TODAY IF I  
11 WANTED TO CLOSE DOWN THIS NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, I JUST WANT PEOPLE  
12 TO KNOW THAT I DO NOT HAVE THE JURISDICTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** YOU CANNOT DIRECTLY, AND I AGREE WITH YOU,  
15 LEGISLATIVE REFORM IS NEEDED. BUT MY VIEW IS, IF YOU REMOVE  
16 EVERY CHILD FROM THAT GROUP HOME BECAUSE OF AN UNACCEPTABLE  
17 AFFILIATED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CANNOT  
18 CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT KEEP IN MIND THEN WE HAVE  
21 TO HAVE MONITORS THAT WOULD GO IN THERE AND MONITOR WHAT ARE  
22 THE STANDARDS FOR THOSE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THOSE MONITORS.  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS CORRECT, THAT IT SHOULD BE THE SOCIAL  
24 WORKER WHO IS MONITORING THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THOSE  
25 CHILDREN. UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS SOMETHING THAT DR. SANDERS IS



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1 TRYING TO CORRECT NOW AND ALSO WHAT HAVE WE KNOWN AS OUTCOMES  
2 FOR THESE CHILDREN. BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT HAS NOT BEEN  
3 HAPPENING AS WELL. WE KNOW IN OUR OWN -- WHERE WE DO HAVE  
4 JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OUR PROBATION SCHOOLS AND EVEN  
5 OUR MCCLAREN SCHOOLS WHEN WE HAD THAT, THAT EVEN THEN WE STILL  
6 WERE NOT ACHIEVING THE KIND OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT WHERE WE  
7 HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY. SO I JUST WANT US TO UNDERSTAND  
8 WHAT WE'RE VENTURING INTO HERE, IS THAT THAT THERE IS NO  
9 DOUBT, WE CAN GO IN AND PULL EACH CHILD OUT, THEN THEY HAVE  
10 NOWHERE TO SEND THEM, OF COURSE WE'D HAVE TO SEND THEM TO A  
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SCHOOL WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY DECIDED  
12 NOT TO ACCEPT THAT CHILD. THAT GOES INTO A CONTINUATION SCHOOL  
13 OR THINGS OF OTHER SORT. THEY'RE USUALLY THERE FOR A REASON.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DOESN'T THE GROUP HOME DETERMINE IF THE  
16 CHILD IS ACCEPTABLE OR NOT, THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE  
17 KICKED OUT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUT THE GROUP HOME MAKES THAT  
18 DETERMINATION SO IF THE GROUP HOME MAKES THAT DETERMINATION  
19 YOU COULD HAVE A CHILD WHO HAS NEVER BEEN KICKED OUT OF A  
20 SCHOOL, A HIGH ACHIEVER PUT IN AN INFERIOR SCHOOL AND THAT'S  
21 THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CORRECT --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS THAT --

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE ARE A LOCAL PRENTICE OF THAT CHILD.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, I JUST  
3 WANT US TO UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO -- WITH OUR  
4 CONTRACTS TO GOVERN THE ACTIONS OF THE GROUP HOME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS GOING TO BE SET UP UNDER THE  
9 EXPECTATIONS THAT DR. SANDERS IS GOING TO BRING TO US AND, OF  
10 MANY BY THE WAY, OF MANY OTHERS THAT HE'S BRINGING TO US. BUT  
11 THE ISSUE IS THAT I JUST WANT TO -- BECAUSE IT MADE IT SOUND  
12 IN THAT REPORT, AND I WAS EQUALLY AS ALARMED, THAT WE HAD  
13 JURISDICTION, WE MONITOR THESE SCHOOLS, WE GO IN THERE AND  
14 REVIEW THEM AND INSPECT THEM WHEN IN FACT WE DO NOT. THEIR  
15 CONTRACT OR THEIR ACCESS OR THEIR AUTHORITY COMES DIRECTLY  
16 FROM THE STATE. NOW I DON'T MIND THAT WE TAKE OVER THAT  
17 RESPONSIBILITY BUT RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. SO I  
18 DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD FOLKS TO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS SOMETHING  
19 WE HAVE ACTION OVER, WHICH WE DO NOT. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
20 MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN I DO HAVE A  
23 COMMENT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I MEAN I AGREE WITH MANY OF THE THINGS THAT  
2   SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID. THE QUESTION I HAVE, THE CONCERNS THAT  
3   I HAVE ABOUT THE REPORT ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU WATCH THE  
4   VIDEO I MEAN IT WAS VERY APPALLING THIS -- AND THERE SEEMS TO  
5   BE AN INCREDIBLE FOCUS ON SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT.  
6   AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE NEED MORE EDUCATORS INVOLVED AS WELL  
7   TOO, AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, I MEAN WHATEVER ACCOUNTABILITY.  
8   AS I UNDERSTAND IT YOU HAVE AN R.F.P. OUT OR ARE PREPARING AN  
9   R.F.P. IS THAT?

10

11   **DR. SANDERS:** WE'RE IN PROCESS OF PREPARING A REQUEST FOR  
12   STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS, ACTUALLY YES.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, AND THEN ALSO ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
15   MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 2 I THINK WE NEED TO AMEND TO ADD THE  
16   C.A.O. AS WELL --

17

18   **DR. SANDERS:** SURE.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE:** TO BE A PART OF THAT ON A BROADER QUESTION. DO WE  
21   ACTUALLY KNOW HOW MANY NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT WE'RE DEALING  
22   WITH?

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD --

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S 400 STATEWIDE BUT --

4

5    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL BUT I'M JUST SAYING I MEAN I THINK BEFORE WE  
6    GET INVOLVED IN A, YOU KNOW, A BIG PROCESS HERE, WE NEED TO  
7    ISOLATE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH AND THAT MIGHT, YOU KNOW, HELP  
8    FOCUS ON THE STRUCTURE AS WELL TOO.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOWEVER WHEN A SOCIAL WORKER PUTS A CHILD  
11   IN A GROUP HOME, THEY HAVE TO ASK THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE  
12   CHILD WILL BE EDUCATED. SO WHILE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE  
13   AUTHORITY OVER THE EDUCATION OR THE SCHOOL THAT THEY GO INTO  
14   BUT THEY HAVE A CHOICE AND THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW  
15   WHERE THE CHILD IS GOING TO BE EDUCATED AT THE TIME THEY  
16   ASSIGN THE CHILD TO THE GROUP HOME. NOW I'D LIKE TO GET SOME  
17   IDEA FROM DR. SANDERS OF WHAT THE REACTION WAS WHEN HE MET  
18   WITH ALL OF THE GROUP HOMES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE WILLING  
19   TO LOOK AT THIS PERFORMANCE BASED.

20

21   **DR. SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY SENSE IS THAT THERE WAS A  
22   MIXED REACTION, THAT THE -- THAT THERE WERE PROVIDERS THAT  
23   FELT THAT THE -- THAT THIS IS A DIRECTION MADE SINCE THERE  
24   WERE OTHERS THAT WERE -- THAT MADE COMMENTS ABOUT CONCERNS





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1 THAT WE WERE GOING TO EXPECT MORE THAN THEY WERE BEING PAID  
2 FOR. SO IT WAS MIXED REACTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I -- I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP. I MEAN, THE ABILITY  
5 TO MONITOR, THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ANOTHER, WE HAVE SITUATIONS  
6 WHERE YOU HAVE GROUP HOMES THAT HAVE A CAMPUS, SUCH AS LIKE  
7 THE AFT MACHITE HOMES AND THEY HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL ON CAMPUS  
8 BUT ALSO TAKE NON RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS. I MEAN IS THERE A  
9 DISTINGUISHABLE DIFFERENCE IN SOMETHING LIKE THAT OR I MEAN,  
10 YOU KNOW, WHERE IT'S AN ON-CAMPUS RESIDENT, NON-RESIDENT OR IS  
11 IT ALL BUNDLED INTO ONE?

12

13 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND IT ALSO GETS IN PART  
14 TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND YOUR  
15 EARLIER QUESTION, THAT THE FOCUS THAT WE'VE TRIED TO HAVE IN  
16 THE DEPARTMENT IS OVER -- IS RELATED TO OUR JURISDICTION OVER  
17 GROUP HOMES. AND SO LOOKING AT IT AS AN EXPECTATION FOR ALL  
18 CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD THAT THE GROUP HOME CHOOSES  
19 TO EDUCATION THEM, THAT THE EXPECTATION WOULD BE RELATED TO  
20 THE CHILD'S ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT  
21 THEY'RE IN THE GROUP HOME. AND SO WE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY GET  
22 DIRECTLY AT THE COMPOSITION OF RESIDENTS IN THE GROUP HOME,  
23 THE METHOD THAT THEY USE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION BUT ON THE  
24 ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR CHILDREN.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** SO BOTH RESIDENT AND NON RESIDENT.

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3    **DR. SANDERS:** EXACTLY.

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5    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF I COULD ADD, BECAUSE  
6 I THINK IT GOES BACK TO THE POINT THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS  
7 MAKING AS WELL, WE DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE PROVIDERS  
8 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE YOUTH,  
9 BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE YOUTH PLACED IN A GROUP  
10 HOME HAVE ESSENTIALLY BEEN TOLD DESPITE THE FACT THAT THOSE  
11 YOUTH MIGHT DO VERY WELL IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT  
12 THAT IT'S EXPECTED THAT THEY'LL ATTEND THE AFFILIATED  
13 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. AND WHILE THAT'S IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE  
14 LAW IT HAPPENS TOO FREQUENTLY AND I THINK ONE THING WE NEED TO  
15 LOOK AT WITH OUR PROVIDER IS HOW COMMON IS IT FOR YOUTH WHO  
16 COULD SUCCEED IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT TO  
17 NONETHELESS ESSENTIALLY BE FORCED INTO AN AFFILIATED NONPUBLIC  
18 SCHOOL THAT MAY WELL HAVE A FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT  
19 GROUP HOME. EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE ON WHAT'S --  
20 ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE YOUTH AS OPPOSED TO ANY KIND OF  
21 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES THAT MAY BE FACTORING IN.

22

23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE HAVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
24 MOTION BEFORE US. IS THERE SECOND?

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS AMENDED RIGHT?

2

3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. MOVED AND SECONDED, IF THERE IS  
4    NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO THANK MIRIAM AND DR. SANDERS FOR  
7    SATURDAY'S NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK PROGRAM AT THE EDELMAN  
8    CHILDREN'S COURT. THERE WERE A LOT OF HAPPY FAMILIES THAT DAY  
9    AND MANY HAPPY CHILDREN AND WE APPRECIATED THEIR LEADERSHIP  
10    AND CONSTRUCTIVE INVOLVEMENT. ALSO IN THESE MEETINGS THAT WE  
11    HAVE OUTSIDE OF THE BOARD ROOMS, OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM,  
12    THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE AND WHERE WAS THE ONE MEETING THAT  
13    WE DID AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL?

14

15    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** THAT WAS OUR EDUCATION SUMMIT.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS THE EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT.

18

19    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL  
20    SUPERVISORS.

21

22    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR  
23    CHILDREN.

24

25    **MIRIAM KRINSKEY:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL CALL ITEM 24 NOW. WE HAVE  
3 SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK, BOBBIE PARKS, STEPHEN DAVID  
4 SIMON, CASTULO DE LA ROCHA. IF WE COULD HAVE THEM COME  
5 FORWARD. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE ALREADY TESTIFIED  
6 ON 24 AND WE WILL -- WE HAVE THEIR INFORMATION BEFORE YOU,  
7 WE'RE AWARE OF THEIR COMMENTS. BUT WE'D LIKE TO ASK THESE  
8 PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD NOW.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS FIRST, HAVE THE  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESENTED?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, YES. THE DEPARTMENT IS, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT HERE? [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL CALL THAT NEXT, COULD WE HAVE SOMEONE  
17 FROM THE DEPARTMENT COME UP? [ APPLAUSE ] [ INDISTINCT VOICES  
18 ]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE MR. FIELDING AND MR. --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MR. HENRY, OKAY. ALL RIGHT, OKAY. DO  
23 YOU WANT A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FIRST ON THE CONTRACT OR  
24 --

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST BRIEFLY INTRODUCE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2

3    **CHUCK HENRY:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
4    THIS ITEM IS AN ITEM TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITH TWO COMMUNITY  
5    AGENCIES, ALTERNATE HEALTH SERVICES AND PALMS RESIDENTIAL, TO  
6    ADD TO OUR MENU OF H.I.V. PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS. THIS IS A  
7    STRUCTURAL --

8

9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FIRST?

10

11    **CHUCK HENRY:** I'M SORRY, CHUCK HENRY, DIRECTOR O.A.P.P., OFFICE  
12    OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
13    SERVICES. THIS COMPLETES A SET OF INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS OUR  
14    H.I.V. PREVENTION NEEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH  
15    OUR CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS VIEW OF  
16    A COMPREHENSIVE H.I.V. PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES  
17    ENGAGING INSTITUTIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY  
18    THOSE THAT ARE GREATLY IMPACTED BY H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. TO  
19    ORGANIZE THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES TO ASSIST IN  
20    MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE AND ENGAGING THEIR COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
21    TO ADDRESS H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.

22

23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO  
24    ADD TO THAT DR. FIELDING OR?

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1 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO, ONLY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ISSUE  
2 RAISED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS BEING USED FOR THE  
3 ADVOCACY PIECE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LOBBYING. WE WERE ALWAYS  
4 CLEAR BUT I DON'T THINK WE WERE AS CLEAR AS WE COULD HAVE BEEN  
5 IN THE WRITE-UP THAT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY PRECLUDED AND THAT  
6 ANY MONEY USED FOR THAT PURPOSE WOULD COME OUT OF THE COUNTY  
7 CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THIS AND WE ASKED AND IT WAS READ IN, AN  
8 AMENDMENT TO THIS THAT SUGGESTED THAT THE AGREEMENTS MAKE VERY  
9 CLEAR IF APPROVED THAT NO FEDERAL FUNDS BE USED FOR ANY  
10 ACTIVITY TO BE IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE  
11 AGREEMENTS CONTAIN A METHODOLOGY BY WHICH REIMBURSEMENTS CAN  
12 BE TRACKED AND THAT THIS BE INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BY THE  
13 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LIMITATION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HOPE ALL OF THOSE WHO HAD A QUESTION  
16 ABOUT THAT HEARD THAT RESPONSE, THAT THAT'S BEEN ELIMINATED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I STILL WELL GO AHEAD AND HAVE HIM TESTIFY  
19 'CAUSE I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS IN REGARDS, 'CAUSE WE NEVER DID  
20 RECEIVE THE BUDGET AS TO HOW SOME OF THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO  
21 BE EXPENDED. WE RECEIVED THE SCOPE OF WORK, BUT NOT THE  
22 BUDGET.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE THE BUDGET THERE IN  
25 THE RESPONSE?





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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN IF YOU WANT ME TO ASK I CAN ASK THE  
3 QUESTIONS NOW.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE QUESTION NOW.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, I MEAN, UNDER THE SCOPE OF WORK, AS WE  
8 UNDERSTAND IT, THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO TRAIN LOBBYISTS AND  
9 ISSUE A, YOU KNOW, ADVOCATES KIND OF THING. AND THE QUESTION I  
10 HAD IS, ONE, WHO ARE THEY, NUMBER ONE, AND OUR COUNTY -- IS  
11 THE COUNTY GOING TO BE TRAINING THEM, OR HOW ARE THEY GOING TO  
12 BE TRAINED?

13

14 **CHUCK HENRY:** THE MAIN FOCUS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, OF THIS EFFORT  
15 IS TO CREATE A CONSORTIUM OF LEADERS WITHIN THE AFRICAN-  
16 AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 AND TO HAVE THEM SPEAK TO THEIR ELECTED AND APPOINTED  
18 OFFICIALS AND THE STAFF OF THE TWO CONTRACTING AGENCIES WILL  
19 ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS IF THERE ARE TRAINING NEEDS IN TERMS OF HOW  
20 TO PRESENT CONCEPTS AND ISSUES TO ELECTED OFFICIALS. THAT'S  
21 JUST A SMALL PORTION OF THE OVERALL CONTRACTED SERVICES WHICH  
22 HAS THE INTENTION OF BRINGING TOGETHER LEADERS IN BUSINESS,  
23 FAITH COMMUNITIES, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, BUSINESS  
24 LEADERS, VARIOUS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO BRING FOCUS TO H.I.V.



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1 AND A.I.D.S. ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND  
2 LATINOS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THERE'S ABOUT \$300,000 OF COUNTY MONEY  
5 INVOLVED, SO I MEAN IT WILL BE ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THE  
6 COUNTY, SO I MEAN I GUESS THE CONCERN IS HOW THAT INPUT IS  
7 FORMULATED, MONITORING, YOU KNOW, OVERSIGHT, THOSE KINDS OF  
8 THINGS.

9

10 **CHUCK HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT. THERE'S ABOUT \$50,000 IN EACH OF  
11 THE TWO CONTRACTS PER YEAR FOR THE THREE YEARS OF THE CONTRACT  
12 TO DO SOME OF THE ADVOCACY POLICY WORK. THAT, CONSISTENT WITH  
13 ALL OF THE COUNTY CONTRACTS, WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE  
14 CONSISTENTLY WITH COUNTY POLICY, THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE THAT  
15 MANAGES THAT PROCESS, AND OUR MONITORING PROCESS TO ENSURE  
16 THAT ANY POLICIES THAT WOULD BE TAKEN AS A RESULT -- POSITIONS  
17 TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ANY COUNTY  
18 POLICIES AND PASS THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY HAS IN  
19 PLACE FOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND OBVIOUSLY WE ALL HAVE, YOU KNOW, THESE ISSUES  
22 WITHIN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
23 FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT THAT THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT GET OUT  
24 AHEAD OF COUNTY POLICY. AND I MEAN, I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I'D  
25 LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER IDEA HOW YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 MONITOR THAT. I MEAN IF IT'S JUST TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE  
2 GOING TO MONITOR, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THAT'S -- THESE ARE --  
3 IT'S A LOT OF POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED IN ACCESSING SOME OF  
4 THESE DOLLARS.

5

6 **CHUCK HENRY:** YEAH. I THINK THAT THAT IS A VERY GOOD AND  
7 IMPORTANT POINT. I THINK THAT MUCH OF THIS ACTIVITY, HOWEVER,  
8 IS REALLY FOCUSING ON HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND  
9 INCREASINGLY ENGAGE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO  
10 COMMUNITIES AND THIS CONSORTIUM APPROACH WHICH IS USED IN  
11 OTHER JURISDICTIONS IS INTENDED TO ENGAGE THE LEADERS IN THE  
12 AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
13 TO REALLY BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT AND NORMALIZE CONVERSATIONS  
14 ABOUT H.I.V. RISK, STIGMA, DISCRIMINATION IN COMMUNITIES. THE  
15 SMALL PART THAT'S RELATED TO POLICY IS, ONE, TO ENSURE THAT WE  
16 HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES, WHICH IS A SORT OF A CONSISTENT  
17 POLICY POSITION FOR THE COUNTY AND MY OFFICE IN AGGRESSIVELY  
18 PURSUING GRANTS THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE EPIDEMIC,  
19 SO THAT'S THE BULK OF THAT POLICY, WHERE ANY OTHER WORK,  
20 CERTAINLY WE WILL CLARIFY TO OUR CONTRACTORS WITH A WRITTEN  
21 COMMUNICATION IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY CONTRACT LANGUAGE THAT  
22 ANY POLICY WORKER POSITIONS RELATED TO THAT MUST ADHERE TO ALL  
23 OF THE COUNTY POLICIES AND THAT THEY FOLLOW THE COUNTY BOARD  
24 OF SUPERVISORS' ROLE AND LEAD AUTHORITY IN SETTING COUNTY  
25 POLICY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AS I SAY, WE'VE RECEIVED YOUR SCOPE OF WORK  
3 AND WE'D APPRECIATE SEEING THE BUDGET AND SEE HOW YOU'RE GOING  
4 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE VARIOUS DOLLARS AND, YOU KNOW, HOW THE  
5 TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND GOING TO BE SPENT SO, IF WE CAN GET A  
6 HANDLE ON THAT BEFORE --

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL PROVIDE THAT AND WE'LL WORK WITH THE  
9 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, SUPERVISOR, TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS  
10 VERY, VERY CLEAR AND SEGREGATED.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES DO YOU WANT TO START?

13

14 **STEPHEN SIMON:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I'M  
15 STEPHEN SIMON, THE A.I.D.S. COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
16 ANGELES. THE CITY IS HEARTENED TO SEE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
17 INITIATIVE CLOSE TO FRUITION. WE RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL NEED  
18 FOR IMPROVING SERVICES, PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY NETWORKS IN  
19 THE H.I.V. COMMUNITY, THE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. COMMUNITY AND  
20 PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE ARE ALSO COGNIZANT OF  
21 THE CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT THE INITIATIVE. WE HOPE AND EXPECT  
22 THAT THE PROVIDERS SELECTED FOR THE INITIATIVE WILL INVOLVE A  
23 BROAD ARRAY OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND AVOID REINVENTING  
24 THE WHEEL. WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT THEY WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE  
25 USE OF THE FUNDS, PARTICULARLY THE FEDERAL FUNDS AS NOTED IN



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1 THE AMENDMENT AND THAT THEY USE IT TO FURTHER DEVELOP CARE,  
2 PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS IN OUR MOST IMPACTED  
3 COMMUNITIES, AND WE ALSO HOPE AND EXPECT THAT O.A.P.P. WILL  
4 PROVIDE OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY THROUGHOUT THE  
5 PROCESS. FURTHER, WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT O.A.P.P. WILL  
6 FACILITATE THE PROVIDER'S ABILITY TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN  
7 COMMUNITY-BASED POLICY STRATEGIES FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND  
8 TREATMENT. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES A.I.D.S. COORDINATOR'S  
9 OFFICE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS,  
10 THOSE THAT ARE FOR OR AGAINST THE INITIATIVE, TO REALLY HELP  
11 SUPPORT THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH AN  
12 INITIATIVE AS AMENDED. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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16 **CASTULO DE LA ROCHA:** MY NAME IS CASTULO DE LA ROCHA AND I'M  
17 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ULTRAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION.  
18 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF THESE  
19 CONTRACTS. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WAS  
20 ESTABLISHED -- WILL ESTABLISH TWO COUNTY-WIDE CONSORTIUMS TO  
21 SERVE LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
22 EIGHT SERVICE PLANNING AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE GOAL  
23 OF THIS CONSORTIUMS WOULD BE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT  
24 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THESE COMMUNITIES AND TO SHAPE AND MOBILIZE  
25 A UNIFORM RESPONSE TO THIS TERRIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THE



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1 WORK OF THESE CONSORTIUMS REPRESENTS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF  
2 THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO A.I.D.S., PARTICULARLY FOR  
3 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE LEADERSHIP AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 HEALTH SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. HAVE RECOGNIZED  
5 THAT WHILE CARE AND PREVENTION SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL, WE MUST  
6 GO BEYOND MERE SERVICE PROVISION TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE LARGER  
7 CULTURE ISSUES. WE MUST CONCENTRATE -- WE MUST CREATE  
8 UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS AROUND A COMMON APPROACH TO THIS  
9 VERY POLITICIZED DISEASE, ESPECIALLY IN LATINO AND AFRICAN-  
10 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. THIS APPROACH MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, AND  
11 I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 OFFICIALS FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND WISDOM. HERE IS WHY THESE  
13 CONTRACTS ARE GOOD AND SOUND PUBLIC POLICY. FIRST, THE CULTURE  
14 BARRIERS AND STIGMA IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR POSE OBSTACLES TO  
15 ASSESSING TREATMENT AND -- ASSESSING TESTING AND TREATMENT.  
16 LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ENTERING  
17 OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE TO BENEFIT FORMS OF ADVANCES THAT WE HAVE  
18 WITNESSED IN MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THIS  
19 INITIATIVES WILL ADDRESS THE CULTURE OBSTACLES TO ASSESS CARE  
20 BY RAISING AWARENESS AND CREATING PARTNERSHIPS AND BUY IN WITH  
21 DIVERSE ENTITIES BEYOND THOSE IN H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
22 COMMUNITY. THE FAITH COMMUNITY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, MEDIA,  
23 DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISES AND BUSINESS AND OTHERS. WE MUST GET  
24 INVOLVED, WE MUST GET INVOLVED IF WE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN  
25 FIGHTING THIS DISEASE. OTHERWISE, WHAT WE WILL BE DOING,





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1 ESSENTIALLY PREACHING TO THE CHOIR IF WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS  
2 THIS ALONE. SECONDLY, THE NUMBER OF LATINOS AND AFRICAN-  
3 AMERICANS CONTINUE TO RISE. WE CONTINUE TO WITNESS A RISE IN  
4 NEW INFECTIONS AMONG COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE A.I.D.S.  
5 EPIDEMIC HAS EVOLVED FROM ONE AFFECTING MOSTLY WHITE GAY MEN  
6 TO ONE CENTERED AROUND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WITH INCREASED  
7 RATES AMONG WOMEN. ULTRAMED RECENTLY CONDUCTED AN ANALYSIS OF  
8 POSITIVITY RATES AT PUBLIC FUNDED TEST SITES IN LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY. ACCORDING TO OUR ESTIMATES, BY THE YEAR 2015, WE WILL  
10 WITNESS A 31.5% INCREASE OVER THE YEAR 2001 IN THE NUMBER OF  
11 LATINOS TESTING POSITIVE AT PUBLIC FUNDED TEST SITES IN LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY. 31% RISE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TESTING  
13 POSITIVELY. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS,  
14 PRIVATE PRACTICES. THAT'S AN ENORMOUS NUMBER. THE THIRD  
15 REASON, WE NEED TO EXPLORE THE FUNDING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH  
16 THIS DISEASE. AS THE DISEASE BURDEN INCREASES, HOW WILL WE  
17 CONTINUE TO FINANCE THE CARE, THE TREATMENT, THE PREVENTION OF  
18 THIS DISEASE AT A LEVEL PROPORTION TO THE RISE OF NEW  
19 INFECTIONS? WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS TODAY PROACTIVELY WITH A  
20 VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO PREPARE TO DEAL WITH  
21 THIS DISEASE IN THE YEARS TO COME. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PLAN  
22 AHEAD. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS CONTRACT AND SUPPORT THE  
23 FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN LATINO AND AFRICAN-  
24 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
25 TIME AND CONSIDERATION. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU  
3 NOT TO APPLAUD BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
4 APPLAUDING AND SO, YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE TO APPLAUD, NOW WE'RE  
5 GOING TO ASK YOU NOT TO.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND MADAM CHAIR COULD I JUST FOLLOW UP WITH A  
8 QUESTION, I MEAN IN CONCURRING WITH THE STATISTICS YOU'VE  
9 QUOTED THERE, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED  
10 TO US AND IT'S MY FIGHT ALL THE TIME IS THAT THIS ISSUE IS  
11 MUCH BIGGER THAN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND IT INCLUDES ALL 88  
12 CITIES. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M CONCERNED LIKE THE CONCERN  
13 EXPRESSED TO ME BY THE H.I.V., THE LATINO COALITION OUT IN  
14 WHITTIER, THE REAL HAHNS A.I.D.S. PROJECT IN SOUTHEAST LOS  
15 ANGELES, AND I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, WHETHER THESE DOLLARS ARE  
16 STRETCHING OUT THAT WAY, AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE  
17 ISSUE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE DEALING  
18 WITH THESE CONTRACT DOLLARS COUNTY-WIDE. AND, YOU KNOW, I  
19 DON'T KNOW WHY, MAYBE STAFF HAS AN ANSWER WHY THOSE TWO  
20 ENTITIES THAT I JUST MENTIONED ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THIS  
21 PROCESS.

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23 **CHUCK HENRY:** SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD EXPECT THOSE ENTITIES TO BE  
24 INVOLVED. ALL OF THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
25 ALTHOUGH THIS IS INTENDED TO BRING TOGETHER A DIFFERENT



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1 COALITION OF NON-H.I.V. PROVIDERS, LEADERS IN THOSE  
2 COMMUNITIES, BUT WE DO EXPECT, AND IT'S CLEARLY STATED IN THE  
3 CONTRACT LANGUAGE, THAT WE DO EXPECT THAT THESE CONSORTIUMS  
4 WILL FIRST CONVENE THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICE PROVIDERS TO  
5 DEVELOP A SET OF PROTOCOLS ABOUT HOW THEY REACH OUT TO ALL OF  
6 THE INSTITUTIONS, ALL THE LEADERS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES  
7 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM VERY CLEAR IN MY MIND  
8 ABOUT THE DISPERSION OF THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC  
9 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR ABSOLUTE VIGILANT NEED  
10 TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY ARE ENGAGED IN THIS,  
11 AND I GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
12 ENSURE THAT THE LEADERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE  
13 ENGAGED THROUGH THESE CONSORTIUM APPROACHES.

14

15 **CASTULO DE LA ROCHA:** AND WE'LL BE DELIGHTED TO ANSWER THE --  
16 AND JUST VERY BRIEFLY, YOU HAVE OUR PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT WE  
17 WILL BE REACHING TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND THOSE COMMUNITIES  
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AS THE  
19 TWO PARTNERS, THE TWO CONTRACTORS AT THIS POINT HAVE  
20 DISCUSSED. THIS IS AN ISSUE MUCH BROADER THAN EACH OF US  
21 INDIVIDUALLY CAN REACH. COLLECTIVELY, WE CAN DO A LOT MORE AND  
22 REACHING WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING ALREADY IN  
23 THE EPIDEMIC, AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT YET INVOLVED BUT NEED TO  
24 BE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE  
2    BOBBIE PARKS HERE.

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4    **BOBBIE PARKS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE  
5    SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BOBBIE PARKS, AND I'M  
6    HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
7    INITIATIVE. I'M SURE, IN LOOKING AROUND, THAT THERE ARE A LOT  
8    HERE THAT REMEMBER THE OLD AFRICAN PROVERB, QUOTE "IT TAKES A  
9    VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD." I BELIEVE IT TAKES THE ENTIRE  
10    COMMUNITY TO STOP H.I.V., AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE  
11    COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS  
12    HELPING AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINO COMMUNITIES TO STOP  
13    H.I.V. IN L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST RAISE THE AWARENESS OF  
14    H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC BY ENLISTING THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT  
15    OF COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND  
16    ADDING ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE ARRAY OF EXISTING  
17    H.I.V./A.I.D.S. PREVENTION SERVICES NOW IN PLACE. I'M AN  
18    OUTSIDER TO THE A.I.D.S. POLITICS, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE  
19    OF THE LONGSTANDING H.I.V. ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED THIS  
20    INITIATIVE AND HAVE EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE  
21    FUNDING SHOULD GO TO WHAT THEY CALL DIRECT SERVICES. PLEASE  
22    ALLOW ME TO BE BLUNT ABOUT THIS MATTER. STOPPING  
23    H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO COMMUNITIES  
24    IS A DIRECT SERVICE, AND I'M PROFOUNDLY TROUBLED THAT THERE IS  
25    EVEN ANY QUESTION ABOUT THIS. IT MAY BE A SERVICE THAT THE



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1 OPPONENTS OF THIS INITIATIVE DO NOT PROVIDE OR EVEN VALUE, AND  
2 I CAN RESPECT THEIR CHOICE, BUT I ALSO EXPECT THEM TO RESPECT  
3 THE FACT THAT THE NEED FOR THIS SERVICE REMAINS AND THAT THE  
4 WORK FOR THIS INITIATIVE SUPPORT IS VERY VITAL. LIKE ALL OF  
5 YOU, I DEEPLY HOPE THAT WE WILL SOON SEE A TIME AND A PLACE  
6 WHEN H.I.V. HAS BEEN CONQUERED AND H.I.V. PREVENTION IS NO  
7 LONGER NECESSARY. THE GRIM REALITY IS THAT H.I.V. PREVENTION  
8 IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER, AND WE ARE EACH CALLED UPON TO  
9 DO WHAT WE CAN TO SERVE THOSE IN GREATEST NEED. THANK YOU FOR  
10 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE INITIATIVE AND FOR YOUR ONGOING  
11 SUPPORT FOR THE WORK IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO  
12 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE NOW GOING TO  
15 CALL UP MIKI JACKSON AND CESAR PORTILLO, AND I BELIEVE THAT  
16 THEY ARE OPPOSED, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM. UH-HUH,  
17 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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19 **CESAR PORTILLO:** MY NAME IS CESAR PORTILLO, I'M CHIEF OF PUBLIC  
20 AFFAIRS WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I WANT TO  
21 DISAGREE WITH CHUCK HENRY'S DESCRIPTION OF LOBBYING AS A SMALL  
22 PART OF THIS CONTRACT. THE FOCUS IS LOBBYING. THAT'S WHAT THIS  
23 IS ABOUT, AND YOU'LL BE USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO LOBBY IN PART  
24 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ILLEGAL. I DRAW YOUR  
25 ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT A-4, WHICH SHOULD BE IN YOUR PACKETS OF



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1 THE SCOPE OF WORK, AND IN PARTICULAR MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE 4.0.  
2 FROM THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE CONSORTIUM WILL DRAFT A POLICY  
3 BRIEFING FOR PRESENTATION TO LEGISLATORS AT THE LOCAL, STATE,  
4 AND NATIONAL LEVELS IN ASSOCIATION WITH KEY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH  
5 AS A.I.D.S. ACTION, WHICH IS A FEDERAL ORGANIZATION.  
6 DISSEMINATE POLICY BRIEFINGS TO LEGISLATORS AND OTHER PUBLIC  
7 POLICY STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. MEASURABLE  
8 OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5, CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES WILL BECOME  
9 INVOLVED IN STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS A.I.D.S.  
10 ACTION 5.5, CONSORTIUM WILL PREVENT POLICY BRIEFINGS  
11 DEVELOPED, PLANNING BODIES, AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AS  
12 APPROPRIATE. 5.6, THE CONSORTIUM WILL JOIN A.I.D.S. ACTION,  
13 WHICH IS A FEDERAL LOBBYING ORGANIZATION. MOVING OVER TO 6.0,  
14 THE CONSORTIUM WILL DEVELOP PUBLIC AFFAIRS COLLOQUIALLY THAT  
15 ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS INCLUDING THE RYAN WHITE CARE  
16 ACT. 6.1, THE CONSORTIUM WILL SEEK TO HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS  
17 ASSIST WITH THESE TRAININGS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL HEALTH  
18 DEPARTMENT. MOVING ON TO 7.0, THE CONSORTIUM WILL CONDUCT  
19 AREA-WIDE POLICY BRIEFINGS FOR LEGISLATORS AT THE LOCAL,  
20 STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS. 7.1, FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO  
21 CONDUCT BRIEFINGS. 7.3, BRING LEGISLATORS AND POLICY MAKERS TO  
22 A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF HOW THEY CAN ADDRESS THE  
23 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. CRISIS IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, AREA  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE TARGETED  
25 POPULATION THERE. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE 8.0, THE CONSORTIUM





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1 WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL A.I.D.S. LOBBYING IN SACRAMENTO AND  
2 8.1 A.I.D.S. WATCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THEN FINALLY, 9.0,  
3 THE PROGRAM MANAGER WILL DEVELOP AN ANNUAL CONSORTIUM REPORT  
4 OUTLINING ALL THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS ACCOMPLISHED. NOW,  
5 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A SMALL PART OF THE  
6 INITIATIVE, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY THE CORE OF WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.  
7 THIS IS ABOUT LOBBYING, AND IT'S ABOUT USING FEDERAL FUNDING  
8 FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES, WHICH IS ILLEGAL. FURTHER, WHO IS GOING  
9 TO BELIEVE A LOBBYING MESSAGE THAT L.A. COUNTY DESPERATELY  
10 NEEDS MORE MONEY FOR A.I.D.S. PREVENTION, TESTING, AND  
11 TREATMENT WHILE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES A  
12 WHOPPING \$1.5 MILLION TO FUND LOBBYING. THERE ARE MANY MORE  
13 PRODUCTIVE THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE WITH THIS MONEY, AND I  
14 THINK THAT THE DESCRIPTION THAT LOBBYING IS A SMALL PART OF  
15 THIS IS DISINGENUOUS, I THINK IT'S INACCURATE, I THINK THAT  
16 YOU OUGHT TO BE VERY CONSCIOUS OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.  
17 A FIG LEAF OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTING  
18 FOR THIS FEDERAL MONEY TO ENSURE THAT IT'S NOT PART OF A  
19 LOBBYING EFFORT IS JUST THAT, A FIG LEAF. ONCE THIS COMES  
20 UNDER FEDERAL REVIEW, THIS WON'T STAND UP, AND I URGE YOU TO  
21 VOTE "NO."

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN COUNTY COUNSEL RESPOND TO THAT?

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1 **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE  
2 REGARDING LOBBYING, OUR OFFICE HAS TALKED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 HEALTH SERVICES REGARDING THEIR INTENTION UNDER THE CONTRACT,  
4 AND WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THEIR INTENTION WAS TO ALWAYS  
5 UTILIZE THE COUNTY MONEY TO PAY FOR THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY  
6 ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE  
7 DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT AND LOOK AT THE CONTRACT, WHICH WE  
8 WILL DO BEFORE IT IS EXECUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT  
9 THE STATEMENT OF WORK IS DELINEATED AND THE LOBBYING  
10 ACTIVITIES ARE DELINEATED SPECIFICALLY AND MAKE SURE THAT'S  
11 COMMENSURATE WITH THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THEY WOULD GET  
12 UNDER THE COUNTY MONEY. IF THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY THAT IS  
13 BEING REQUESTED AS FAR AS LOBBYING OR ADVOCACY IS IN EXCESS OF  
14 THE \$300,000, THEN THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDMENTS TO THE  
15 STATEMENT OF WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS AN APPROPRIATE  
16 AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY MONEY  
17 THAT'S INVOLVED HERE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** DOES THAT HAVE TO COME BACK TO US, THEN, IF IT WAS  
20 IN EXCESS OF 300,000?

21

22 **BOBBIE PARKS:** AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED, IT DOES NOT. THE  
23 RECOMMENDATION WAS AMENDED THIS MORNING TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT  
24 THE ABILITY TO PUT THAT LANGUAGE INTO THE CONTRACT. MY  
25 ANTICIPATION IS THAT WE WOULD WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND



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1 WORK ON THE STATEMENT OF WORKS SO THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE, BUT  
2 IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY  
3 THAT IS REQUIRED, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE OH TO COME BACK TO THE  
4 BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO SPEND MORE THAN \$300,000 IN COUNTY  
5 MONEY. SO IT REALLY DEPENDS UPON HOW MUCH QUOTE-UNQUOTE  
6 'ADVOCACY ACTIVITY' THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO GET FROM THIS  
7 CONTRACTOR. IT CANNOT EXCEED THE \$300,000, OBVIOUSLY.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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11 **MIKI JACKSON:** MIKI JACKSON WITH A.H.F. THE PUBLIC POSTING OF  
12 THIS ITEM ON THE BOARD AGENDA IS MISLEADING, AT BEST. THE  
13 PUBLIC NOTICE INDICATES THAT THIS IS ABOUT EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND  
14 TREATMENT, NO FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR TESTING PEOPLE WITH  
15 H.I.V. NO FUNDS ARE BEING USED TO BUY MEDICATIONS, NO FUNDS  
16 ARE BEING USED TO RUN LAB TESTS OR PAY PHYSICIANS TO TREAT  
17 ANYONE. IT SHOULD SAY 1.5 MILLION TO LOBBY FOR A.I.D.S.  
18 FUNDING. IF THERE IS NO SHAME IN THAT, WHY LIE ABOUT IT?  
19 PUBLIC NOTICE WAS ABUSED AGAIN. DETAILS ON THIS CONTRACT WERE  
20 NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 24 HOURS AGO, INCLUDING THE SCOPE OF WORK  
21 GIVEN THE MISLEADING NOTICE FOR THIS CONTRACT, IT IS ONLY IN  
22 READING THIS SCOPE OF WORK THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT THIS IS  
23 ABOUT LOBBYING. THAT'S 154 PAGES YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH.  
24 MINIMALLY, THIS SHOULD GO BACK TO THE DEPUTIES FOR FULL  
25 DISCUSSION AND GIVE THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY BEYOND THE THREE



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1 MINUTES GRANTED HERE TO PROVIDE GENUINE INPUT TO YOU, OUR  
2 ELECTED OFFICIALS. THERE IS NO EMERGENCY NEED TO FUND THIS  
3 CONTRACT. THIS WAY, WHY ARE YOU ACTING AS IF THERE IS. THESE  
4 ARE NEW CONTRACTS, NOT EXTENSIONS ON OLD ONES. THERE IS NO  
5 EMERGENCY REASON TO JUSTIFY THE LACK OF PUBLIC NOTICE OR  
6 INPUT. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF ISSUES HERE. WE JUST HEARD FROM  
7 COUNTY COUNSEL. THAT VETTING SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE THIS  
8 WAS BROUGHT TO YOU, THAT ISSUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP  
9 BEFORE. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BRING THAT ISSUE UP. THE  
10 DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE HAD TO BRING THAT ISSUE UP. WE THINK  
11 THIS IS BEING RUSHED THROUGH, WE THINK THE ISSUES ARE FAR TOO  
12 SERIOUS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO AT MINIMUM ASK YOU TO HOLD THIS  
13 ITEM TO HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL GO THROUGH IT MORE THOROUGHLY. I  
14 THINK THIS ITEM HAS BEEN RUSHED TO YOU AND I THINK THAT IS A  
15 STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY  
18 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, KERRY BROADUS AND KEVIN PICKETT. PLEASE  
19 STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **KEVIN PICKETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN  
22 PICKETT. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PALMS RESIDENTIAL CARE  
23 FACILITY, THE HOME AND THE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH  
24 H.I.V. AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. I CAME TO THE  
25 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES FAIRLY LATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE



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1 EPIDEMIC BECAUSE -- WELL BECAUSE I HAD MADE A COMFORTABLE  
2 LIVING FOR MYSELF, SECURED A FUTURE FOR MY FAMILY, AND WANTED  
3 TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I WILL ADMIT THAT I  
4 DIDN'T KNOW THEN A LOT ABOUT HEALTHCARE PLANNING, AND SO I  
5 APPROACHED THIS AS A BUILDER WOULD. I LOOKED FOR A FOUNDATION  
6 AND I LEARNED THAT THE FOUNDATION FOR AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO  
7 THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC IS JUST NOT WHERE IT SHOULD BE.  
8 AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT I AM IN ANY WAY CRITICIZING  
9 THE EXTRAORDINARY AND HEROIC EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE THE LATE  
10 PAUL DAVIS OF MINORITY A.I.D.S. PROJECT, DR. WILBERT JORDAN OF  
11 THE OASIS CLINIC, ARCHBISHOP CARL BEAN, MINORITY A.I.D.S.  
12 PROJECT, SYLVIA DREW IVY, T.H.E. CLINIC, AND TOO MANY OTHERS  
13 TO NAME. THE REMARKABLE WORK THEY DID IS EVEN ALL THE MORE  
14 REMARKABLE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THEY DID IT WITHOUT A PROPER  
15 FOUNDATION. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IS ABOUT  
16 LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR SERVICES. ITS APPROACH IS SIMPLE. WE  
17 NEED COMMUNITY LEADERS TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS  
18 AROUND H.I.V. RISK AND DISEASE. WE NEED COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO  
19 ARE ALREADY ACTIVE ON A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
20 WELFARE ISSUES TO REMEMBER THAT H.I.V. REMAINS A THREAT TO  
21 THOSE IN GREATEST NEED AND HAS A POTENTIAL OF UNDOING EVERY  
22 BIT OF PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAKE. WE NEED TO  
23 WORK WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO WEAVE INTO THE FABRIC OF THE  
24 COMMUNITY AN AWARENESS OF H.I.V., A COMMITMENT TO REDUCING  
25 RISK FOR H.I.V. AND A SAFETY NET FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED. A LOT



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1 OF CHANGE IN THE -- A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S.  
2 EPIDEMIC. EVEN IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME OF MY INVOLVEMENT,  
3 BUT SOME THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. H.I.V./A.I.D.S. KILLS, AND IT  
4 KILLS MOST OFTEN THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DISEASE,  
5 WHOSE HEARTS HAVE NOT BEEN TOUCHED AND WHOSE MINDS HAVE NOT  
6 BEEN OPENED. I BELIEVE THAT MY COMMUNITY HAS A HEART AND THE  
7 SOUL TO REACH THOSE AT RISK FOR H.I.V. AND THOSE WHO NEED  
8 H.I.V. IN MEDICAL AND OTHER SERVICES AND ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT  
9 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TO MAKE THAT A REALITY.  
10 WHEN PALMS RESIDENTIAL BEGAN PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO  
11 PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., SOME OF THOSE SAME  
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TODAY OPPOSE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
13 INITIATIVE, OPPOSE OUR COUNTY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. WITH YOUR  
14 HELP, WE OVERCAME THAT OPPOSITION, AND I AM MORE PROUD THAN I  
15 CAN TELL YOU TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE TO HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS  
16 OF L.A. COUNTY SINCE THEN. I HOPE YOU HELP TO EXPAND THESE  
17 SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY DESPERATELY NEEDS. THANK YOU VERY  
18 MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **KERRY BROADUS:** MY NAME IS KERRY BROADUS AND I'M A LONG TIME  
23 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY I HAVE  
24 OVER 20 YEARS BEING A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER THROUGHOUT LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE





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1 OLDEST MINORITY ORGANIZATION CALLED MINORITY A.I.D.S. PROJECT,  
2 AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE YOUNGEST  
3 MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS, CALLED PALMS RESIDENTIAL. OVER THE  
4 PAST FOUR YEARS, I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH  
5 PALMS RESIDENTIAL IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND  
6 CAPACITY BUILDING, TO STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO STABILIZE  
7 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS, LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
8 AND ALSO ARE SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH  
9 DISORDERS. WHAT I EXPERIENCED IN THESE LAST FOUR YEARS IS TO  
10 RECOGNIZE AN ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE A VERY  
11 PROFITABLE FOR-PROFIT ENTITY AND TURN IT INTO A NONPROFIT IN  
12 ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE LEAST OF THEM. I ALSO SAW HOW  
13 SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION REALLY WORKS IN A COMMUNITY. SOCIAL  
14 TRANSFORMATION THAT NOT ONLY LOOKS TO A.I.D.S. SERVICE  
15 ORGANIZATIONS, BUT LOOKS ACROSS THE BOARD. IT LOOKED AT FAITH-  
16 BASED ORGANIZATION, IT LOOKS AT BUSINESSES, IT LOOKS AT THE  
17 NEIGHBORS TO THE LEFT AND TO THE RIGHT AND TO THE NORTH AND TO  
18 THE SOUTH. IT IS THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION THAT I EXPERIENCE  
19 FIRSTHAND WHAT IS NEEDED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE MUST CREATE  
20 A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, A NEW SPHERE OF INFLUENCE THAT GOES  
21 BACK TO NEARLY 1999 WHEN THIS BOARD, IN ITS WISDOM, DECLARED A  
22 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ADDRESSED THE ISSUES AROUND CAPACITY  
23 BUILDING, PARTICULARLY IN MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS. YOU  
24 ALLOCATED \$1.2 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT  
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS INITIATIVE IS REALLY A CONTINUATION



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1 OF YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR WISDOM THAT YOU SAW BACK IN 1999.  
2 SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IS AN INTERVENTION THAT SPEAKS TO THE  
3 COMMUNITY LEVEL. SCIENCE TELLS US THAT THE INDIVIDUAL  
4 INFLUENCE OF THEIR BEHAVIOR IS MORE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH  
5 THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. WE MUST CHANGE THE WAY OUR COMMUNITY  
6 VIEWS H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. WE MUST FIND WAYS WHERE WE CAN  
7 STABILIZE OUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, BUT WE  
8 MUST FIRST HAVE A FOUNDATION. THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
9 INITIATIVE WILL ALLOW US TO BUILD UPON A FOUNDATION OF  
10 COOPERATION, COLLABORATION, AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING A  
11 DIFFERENCE. I SUPPORT THE PASSING OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24  
12 THAT WILL HELP TO IDENTIFY EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF FOLKS LIVING  
13 WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND  
14 LATINOS, AND STRENGTHENING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS SERVICES.  
15 IN CLOSING, DATA TELLS US, DATA TELLS US THAT AFRICAN-  
16 AMERICANS AND LATINO ARE WELL INTO THE PROGRESSION OF THE  
17 DISEASE BEFORE THEY ENTER SERVICES. HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
18 STOP THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WELL WE DON'T HAVE ANY -- ANY  
21 QUESTIONS? IS THERE A MOTION?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. THERE IS GOING TO BE  
24 SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT THE MONEY CANNOT BE USED FOR LOBBYING,  
25 WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SERVICES? MEDICAL SERVICES?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FEDERAL MONEY?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FEDERAL MONEY.

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6 **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WILL BE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT  
7 ONLY THE COUNTY MONEY MAY BE USED FOR ANY ADVOCACY OR LOBBYING  
8 ACTIVITIES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT WILL SAY THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED  
13 FOR LOBBYING, OR WILL IT SAY NOT USE INAPPROPRIATELY?

14

15 **BOBBIE PARKS:** ACTUALLY, IT WILL SAY IT IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. IT  
16 WILL SET FORTH WHAT THE FEDERAL MONEY MAY BE USED FOR AND WHAT  
17 THE COUNTY MAY BE USED FOR, SO IT WILL ASSURE THAT NO FEDERAL  
18 MONEY IS BEING USED FOR IMPERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES, WHICH THE  
19 TOPIC WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY IS THE LOBBYING OR THE ADVOCACY  
20 ACTIVITIES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** IT COULD BE AMENDED TO COME BACK IF -- AND YOU  
23 SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS CHANGED THAT IT WOULDN'T COME BACK  
24 IF IT EXCEEDED 300,000 AND WE AMENDED --

25



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1 **BOBBIE PARKS:** YES. AS LONG AS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING SPENT  
2 IN THE CONTRACT FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IS LESS THAN THE  
3 300,000, IT WOULD NOT BE COMING BACK TO THIS BOARD UNLESS YOU  
4 REQUESTED THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'RE UNSURE I MEAN JUST WE'RE UNSURE BECAUSE  
7 WE DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE OUTLINE OF THE BUDGET AND WHERE  
8 THOSE DOLLARS ARE GOING TO GO, BUT ALL I'M ASKING IS IF IT  
9 POTENTIALLY EXCEEDS A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, IS IT GOING TO  
10 COME BACK TO THE BOARD, OR HOW IS THAT GOING TO WORK?

11

12 **BOBBIE PARKS:** IF IT EXCEEDS \$300,000, WHICH IS THE COUNTY --  
13 AMOUNT OF COUNTY MONEY, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE  
14 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THAT CONTRACT, IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK  
15 TO THE BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, THAT IT WOULD HAVE  
20 TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

21

22 **BOBBIE PARKS:** BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY, COUNTY MONEY THAT  
23 IS CURRENTLY APPROPRIATED BY THE BOARD IS \$300,000. IF THEY  
24 WANTED TO PURCHASE ADVOCACY OR LOBBYING SERVICES IN EXCESS OF  
25 THAT THEY COULD NOT DO THAT UNDER THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THEY WANTED MORE -- IF THEY WANTED TO  
3 DO MORE ADVOCACY, THEY'D HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR  
4 MORE MONEY, IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

5

6 **BOBBIE PARKS:** CORRECT, AND NON-FEDERAL MONEY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK THE QUESTION, SINCE  
9 WHEN IS OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR  
10 LOBBYING?

11

12 **BOBBIE PARKS:** IT'S ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES. THE PRECLUSION WE'RE  
13 ADDRESSING HERE WITH THIS SEGREGATION OF FUNDING IS A FEDERAL  
14 PRECLUSION THAT PRECLUDES FEDERAL MONEY FROM THE BEING USED  
15 FOR LOBBYING OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT I'M ASKING YOU DOES -- IS THERE  
18 ANY LAW THAT PRECLUDES PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS LOCALLY  
19 GENERATED FROM BEING USED FOR LOBBYING?

20

21 **BOBBIE PARKS:** NO, SUPERVISOR, WE USE COUNTY MONEY TO LOBBY AT  
22 THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL IN MANY INSTANCES.

23



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S THE COUNTY AS A GOVERNMENT. I'M  
2    TALKING ABOUT TO GIVE MONEY TO A CONTRACTOR OF ANY KIND ON ANY  
3    SUBJECT MATTER TO LOBBY.

4

5    **BOBBIE PARKS:** AS LONG AS IT IS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR COUNTY  
6    POLICY AND DIRECTION, WE UTILIZE CONTRACTORS TO DO LOBBYING  
7    FOR US AS WELL.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE WHOLE -- NO GO AHEAD.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WOULD WE ALLOW THOSE DOLLARS TO BE  
12   USED FOR LOBBYING WHEN THEY OUGHT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
13   SERVICES?

14

15   **BOBBIE PARKS:** SUPERVISOR THAT'S A POLICY ISSUE. I THINK  
16   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS ADDRESSING THE LEGAL ISSUE AS TO  
17   WHETHER IT'S PERMISSIBLE. I BELIEVE IT'S YOUR POLICY ISSUE AS  
18   TO WHETHER THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO USE THE FUNDS FOR.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE POLICY?

21

22   **BOBBIE PARKS:** CERTAINLY.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD HAVE THE C.A.O. BRING A POLICY  
25   BEFORE THE BOARD WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASSURE THAT THOSE





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1 DOLLARS THAT ARE USED ARE USED FOR SERVICES THAT EXCLUDE  
2 LOBBYING.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I THINK THERE'S A  
5 CONFUSION HERE, AND THERE'S A FOCUS ON EXCLUSIVELY LOBBYING.  
6 THE ISSUE HERE IS ADVOCACY. THE ISSUE IS HOW DO WE GET MORE  
7 AND MORE PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE A PROBLEM THAT IS SITTING IN  
8 FRONT OF THEM? HOW DO WE GET THEM TO JOIN TOGETHER, TO BAND  
9 TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THE LATINO  
10 COMMUNITIES TO BECOME LEADERS FOR ADVOCACY, TO BRING MORE  
11 DOLLARS, TO BRING MORE RESOURCES, TO LEVERAGE THEIR ABILITY TO  
12 COME TOGETHER AND ADVOCATE TO THEIR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL  
13 ABOUT THE URGENCY WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES? THAT AND SO  
14 YOU'RE TERMING IT AS A LOBBYIST, AS SO SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GO  
15 -- EVEN IN THE MARCH, YOU KNOW, TO BE AN ADVOCATE, TO SHOW THE  
16 UNITY, PARTICULARLY OF MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AFFECTED,  
17 TO COME TOGETHER AND TO BE THE ADVOCATES. THIS COMMUNITY IS  
18 CRYING OUT FOR THIS LEADERSHIP. IT IS CRYING OUT FOR THIS  
19 LEADERSHIP. AND SO TO TAIN IT AS SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG,  
20 INCORRECT AND WRONG IS A MISTAKE. THIS IS HOW TO BUILD A  
21 COALITION, HOW TO BUILD A PARTNERSHIP, HOW TO COME TOGETHER  
22 AND SAY, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE LEGISLATURE, BUSINESS  
23 LEADERS, UNION LEADERS, RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,  
24 RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. EVERY SINGLE DAY, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE



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1   AFFECTED BY H.I.V., AND NO ONE WANTS TO CONFRONT IT UNTIL IT'S  
2   IN THEIR FAMILY, IT'S IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IT'S IN THEIR  
3   SCHOOL. INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THAT WE CAN CURB IT, WE CAN END  
4   IT, WE CAN FIND A WAY TO BRING MORE RESOURCES TO IT, THAT IS  
5   WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. SO LET'S NOT  
6   LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GAIN HERE.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST ADD ONE OTHER THING IN TERMS OF  
9   ADVOCACY THAT I HAVE SEEN HAPPEN? ONE OF THE THINGS IN THE  
10   AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS THAT CHURCHES, PARTICULARLY IN  
11   VIEW OF SOME OF THE ORIENTATION, A CONSERVATIVE ORIENTATION,  
12   AND I SHOULDN'T SAY THEIR ATTITUDES IN TERMS OF HOMOSEXUALITY  
13   AS A RESULT HAVE ALMOST TURNED THEIR BACK ON COMMUNITIES AND  
14   ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF  
15   PEOPLE PERHAPS WITHIN THAT CONGREGATION -- I SHOULDN'T SAY  
16   LARGE NUMBERS, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WITHIN THAT CONGREGATION  
17   WHO ARE EXPOSED TO H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. NOW, PART OF ADVOCACY  
18   AND PART OF WHAT I UNDERSTAND WOULD BE HERE IS YOU GET -- AND  
19   I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN THE FIRST STEP IN DOING THIS, YOU  
20   BRING TOGETHER THESE CHURCHES AND THESE FAITH COMMUNITIES TO  
21   EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THEY HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK  
22   SOMETIMES DIRECTING THE CHOIR, AND THAT IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE  
23   THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY. NOW, THIS  
24   IS NOT VERY POPULAR ADVOCACY IN SOME COMMUNITIES, BUT IT'S  
25   SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE. NOW, IF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING



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1 ABOUT IS GOING TO WASHINGTON, AND I THINK THE REASON WHY SOME  
2 OF THE PEOPLE ARE VERY UPSET, IS PERHAPS IT WILL BE SAYING  
3 THAT WE BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS SHOULD GO  
4 TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO COMMUNITIES,  
5 AND TO WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN THE FASTEST GROWING NUMBERS IN  
6 TERMS OF A.I.D.S., AND SOME OF THAT DOES HAVE SOME IMPLICATION  
7 AS IT RELATES TO SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSING THIS. SO, YOU  
8 KNOW, I THINK THAT THE IDEA WAS TO SAY IT WAS \$50,000 IS MY  
9 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE  
10 SPENDING OVER THESE THREE YEARS. RIGHT?

11

12 **CHUCK HENRY:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** \$50,000.

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16 **CHUCK HENRY:** 50,000 PER CONTRACT, AND THAT'S HOW YOU GET --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT THE TOTAL CAP IS \$50,000. NOW, IF  
19 WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS TO AMEND IT TO SAY SPECIFICALLY NO MORE  
20 THAN \$50,000 SHOULD BE SPENT BY EITHER ONE OF THESE AGENCIES  
21 FOR FEDERAL OR STATE LOBBYING IN THE USUAL WAY THAT WE  
22 ANTICIPATE IT, I WOULD THINK THAT THAT MAKES SENSE AND THAT  
23 WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CONTRACT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T SAY 50,000, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 300,000.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S WHAT'S IN THE CONTRACT.

3

4 **CHUCK HENRY:** IT'S 50,000.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL 50,000 FOR THREE YEARS, EACH CONTRACT THAT'S  
7 300,000.

8

9 **CHUCK HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS ACTUALLY JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND  
12 WHAT THE CONTRACT SAID. I WASN'T EVEN LEADING UP TO ANY MOTION  
13 OR ANYTHING. AND IF I COULD JUST FINISH MY QUESTION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BETWEEN THE TWO CONTRACTS, THE 300,000 IS  
18 THE NET COUNTY COST WHICH IS USEABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND  
19 IT'S CAPPED AT THAT, WHAT IS THE -- COULD YOU DETAIL -- NOT  
20 DETAIL, BUT TO GIVE SOME SENSE OF WHAT THE OTHER 1.2 MILLION  
21 IS TO BE USED FOR?

22

23 **CHUCK HENRY:** YES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THAT'S THE  
24 DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE CONSORTIUMS HERE LOCALLY,  
25 TO CONVENE THE LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THE AFRICAN-



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1 AMERICAN LATINO THAT CAN TAKE THE MESSAGE OF H.I.V. AND  
2 A.I.D.S. AWARENESS OUT TO THEIR CONGREGATIONS, AS THE MADAM  
3 CHAIR SPOKE ABOUT, TO THEIR BUSINESSES, TO THEIR WORKPLACES,  
4 TO ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN COMMUNITY  
5 THAT SPEAK TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT ARE NOT  
6 MAKING IT TO AN H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ORGANIZATION. THIS IS NOT  
7 ABOUT ORGANIZING AND CONTINUING TO ORGANIZE HOW WE PREACH TO  
8 THE CHOIR. THIS IS ABOUT BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITIES AND  
9 MAKING A.I.D.S. AWARENESS --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY I UNDERSTAND. SO IT'S A HUNDRED PERCENT  
12 IN THIS VEIN. I MEAN, IT'S EITHER THAT OR THE ADVOCACY, A  
13 COMBINATION OF THOSE TWO.

14

15 **CHUCK HENRY:** RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE FEDERAL -- THE SOURCE OF THE FEDERAL  
18 FUNDS IS WHAT?

19

20 **CHUCK HENRY:** THE SOURCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS IS THE CENTERS FOR  
21 DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AS I INDICATED --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THIS -- I KNOW YOU DID, BUT I WASN'T --  
24 I WAS DISTRACTED. SO THE -- IS A -- IS SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS  
25 PURPOSE?



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2 **CHUCK HENRY:** WE HAVE A COOPERATIVE GAIN WITH THE THE CENTERS  
3 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. THEY DEFINE A  
4 COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PROGRAM AS INCLUDING HEALTH  
5 EDUCATION, RISK REDUCTION COUNSELING, SOCIAL MARKETING, PUBLIC  
6 INFORMATION, STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS, LIKE FAITH-BASED  
7 INITIATIVES THAT ORGANIZE FAITH LEADERS AND COMMUNITY  
8 DEVELOPMENT YES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THESE FUNDS THAT COULD BE USED -- COULD  
11 THEY BE USED FOR DIRECT PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES?

12

13 **CHUCK HENRY:** NOT THE C.D.C. PREVENTION FUNDS, THESE ARE  
14 PREVENTION SERVICES INTENDED TO ORGANIZE AND GET  
15 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AWARENESS AND EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITY  
16 MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SO MOVE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND IT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY  
2    OPPOSITION OR ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. [  
3    APPLAUSE ]

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE --

6

7    **SUP. KNABE:** JUST -- MADAM CHAIR TO THIS DEPARTMENT, WE WILL, I  
8    MEAN I REALLY WANT TO SEE A COPY OF THAT BUDGET.

9

10   **CHUCK HENRY:** I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET IT TODAY. WE'RE VERY SORRY  
11   YOU DIDN'T GET IT SUPERVISOR.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAKE SURE WE ALL GET IT. OKAY?

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, WE WANT TO SEE IT AND WE WANT TO  
16   MONITOR IT. BUT IT'S ALSO, IT WASN'T MADE CLEAR WHERE THE  
17   FEDERAL FUNDS CAME FROM. BUT THEN HE SAID PROVISIONS. WE HAVE  
18   -- THE NEXT ITEM IS 31, I BELIEVE THAT -- OH, WE HAVE A SET  
19   ITEM. LET'S BRING THE SET ITEM UP AT THIS POINT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THERE'S ONE ITEM THE ONE  
22   THAT I HAD OUTSTANDING ON THAT CONTRACT. THEY DISCUSSED THE  
23   LANGUAGE AND I THINK IT'S BEEN APPROVED, AND WE'VE ALREADY  
24   TALKED TO THE LESSEE, AND THEY'VE APPROVED IT AS WELL, SO IF  
25   WE CAN BRING IN THAT AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 1-D.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 1-D. ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK CARLOS --

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH THE LANGUAGE, THEY SHOULD ORGANIZE TO  
11 FIND -- WHERE IS IT GOING TO -- IS IT REPLACING SOMETHING, OR  
12 IS IT IN ADDITION TO DO YOU KNOW?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, HE'S GOT IT. OKAY, IS IT REPLACING ANY -  
17 - THE LANGUAGE I SAW WAS FINE. IS IT REPLACING SOMETHING, OR  
18 IS IT IN ADDITION TO?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES WHAT IT IS IS AN INSERT IN USES, SECTION 6, AND  
21 I'D LIKE TO READ IT, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. LANDLORD AND TENANT  
22 AGREE THAT THE DEVISED PREMISES TOGETHER WITH ALL  
23 APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE USED BY ALMA FAMILY SERVICES,  
24 ONLY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND  
25 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE INITIAL 10 YEAR TERM



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1 AND FOR THE FIVE YEAR OPTIONS OF THE LEASE. ANY CHANGES TO  
2 THIS SECTION WILL REQUIRE A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE  
5 FIVE YEARS THAT I WAS READING BEFORE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THAT COMES OUT, WE WILL --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT COMES OUT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT AS AMENDED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY  
20 OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE SET ITEM. I KNOW  
25 THAT MR. LOTT HAS BEEN SITTING HERE A LONG TIME. WOULD YOU



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1    LIKE TO COME FORWARD, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND I KNOW THAT -  
2    - MR. LOTT DO YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD? WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE  
3    FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT? I'M GOING TO BE JUST ONE SECOND, COULD  
4    YOU JUST TAKE IT JUST FOR A MOMENT, DON? OKAY I'M GOING TO BE  
5    JUST A MINUTE.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE:** WHO HAS -- CAN I HAVE THE -- HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP  
8    TO SPEAK ON THE -- MR. LOTT, DO YOU WANT TO STEP FORWARD  
9    THERE?

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE DO ADJOURNING MOTIONS WHILE HE'S  
12    COMING UP?

13

14    **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

15

16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
17    MEMORY TODAY OF HOWARD INGLEMAN, THE FATHER OF JOHN INGLEMAN,  
18    A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. ROSALIND ROGERS, THE  
19    MOTHER OF RON ROGERS, AND MOTHER-IN-LAW OF LISA SPECK. STANLEY  
20    ROBERT SWONKIN, THE FATHER OF --

21

22    **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE AS WELL TOO.

23

24    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT ME ON THAT ONE TOO.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. STANLEY ROBERT SWONKIN THE  
2   FATHER OF MY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SCOTT SWONKIN. CANTOR  
3   ISAAC BEHAR WHO WAS THE CANTOR AT THE SEPHARDIC TEMPLE ON  
4   WILSHIRE BOULEVARD IN WEST LOS ANGELES, AN INSTITUTION IN THAT  
5   COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT'S -- LET ME JUST BE SURE, I THINK  
6   THAT'S IT.

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8   **SUP. KNABE:** SO ORDERED.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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12   **SUP. KNABE:** MR. LOTT?

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14   **JIM LOTT:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JIM  
15   LOTT, I REPRESENT THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN  
16   CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION  
17   THAT WE UNDERSTAND MR. ANTONOVICH WILL BE BRINGING AS PART OF  
18   THIS DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON DEALING WITH THE NURSE STAFFING  
19   RATIOS AND THE IMPACT THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ON THE DEPARTMENT  
20   OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AND JUST FOR  
21   THE RECORD, WE ARE SUPPORTING THAT. WE DO BELIEVE THAT A TRAIN  
22   WRECK IS COMING JANUARY 1, WHEN THESE RATIOS GO INTO EFFECT,  
23   UNTIL WE CAN FULLY ASSESS WHAT THOSE -- WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD  
24   BE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE FOLLY TO WREAK THAT KIND OF HAVOC ON  
25   OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION. OR OUR EMERGENCY



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1 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM. YOUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
2 COMMISSION LAST WEEK AND THE WEEK BEFORE THAT HELD A HEARING  
3 AND A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THESE RATIOS AND THEY  
4 HAVE ADVISED YOUR BOARD THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATIOS  
5 WILL, IN FACT, BE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS COMMUNITY  
6 UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND THE FULL IMPACT OF IT. THE RATIOS ARE THE  
7 LAW, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE RATIOS CANNOT BE AMENDED TO BE  
8 MORE WORKABLE, AND THAT IS SOMETHING OUR HOSPITAL COMMUNITY  
9 WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN, AND WE WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU DO --  
10 IF MR. ANTONOVICH BRINGS THAT MOTION FORWARD, THAT YOU DO  
11 SUPPORT HIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU WANT ME TO READ THE MOTION?

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS BEEN  
18 WORKING TO RECRUIT THE NURSING STAFF NECESSARY TO MEET THE  
19 JANUARY 1ST, 2004 IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 394.  
20 IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FORECAST, THE DEPARTMENT NOTES ITS  
21 EFFORTS TO RECRUIT NURSES TO COMPLY WITH THESE RATIOS HAS BEEN  
22 HAMPERED BY THE CURRENT SHORTAGE NATION-WIDE OF NURSES, AND  
23 THEY'VE BEEN UNABLE TO HIRE AS MANY AS THEY REQUIRE. WITH  
24 CALIFORNIA'S NURSING SHORTAGE BEING THE WAY IT IS TODAY, IT  
25 WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH THIS LAW. IT'S IMPERATIVE TO





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1 SEEK TEMPORARY RELIEF OF THE LEGISLATION TO AVOID IMPACTING  
2 THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN COUNTY HOSPITALS WITH  
3 SPECIALTY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY EMERGENCY ROOMS AND TRAUMA  
4 CENTERS. IF NURSES CANNOT BE HIRED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO MEET  
5 THE NEW NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO. LAST MONDAY, GOVERNOR  
6 SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SUSPEND PROPOSED  
7 STATE REGULATIONS AND CALLED FOR THE REVIEW OF ALL REGULATIONS  
8 ADOPTED, AMENDED, AND REPEALED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER  
9 IT'S UNCLEAR IF THE NEW NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIO IS BEING  
10 REVIEWED. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF  
11 HEALTH SERVICES TO REPORT BY DECEMBER 15TH ON ITS ACTION PLAN  
12 TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH AB-394 AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE  
13 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE  
14 GOVERNOR SEEKING TEMPORARY REGULATORY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE  
15 RELIEF FOR THE STAFFING MANDATES UNTIL THE IMPACT ON CAPACITY  
16 IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD ON AB-394'S NURSE-TO-STAFF RATIOS.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT. MIKE, I HAVE A QUESTION OF THE  
21 C.A.O.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH UH-HUH.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS SORT OF SEPARATE FROM THE  
2   MOTION, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE C.A.O. OR THE DIRECTOR OF  
3   THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSING ANY ISSUES HERE UNDER  
4   S-1. BUT MY CONCERN CONTINUES TO BE AND WHATEVER REPORT COMES  
5   BACK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT THE, YOU KNOW, THE ADDITIONAL  
6   UNANTICIPATED REVENUE THAT -- AS A RESULT OF BOOK CLOSING WAS  
7   ABOUT 263 MILLION. AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT WAS  
8   NOT COUNTED WAS ANOTHER 105, AND THEN THE NEW REVENUE BEING  
9   REPORTED TODAY IS -- WELL THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY NOT ANTICIPATED  
10   IS 56 FOR A TOTAL OF 424. AND, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S ONE TIME  
11   OR NOT, THE FACT ISN'T MATERIALIZED AFTER, YOU KNOW, THE BOARD  
12   ADOPTED SCENARIO NUMBER THREE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, HOW WE DEAL  
13   WITH THAT OR WHAT KIND OF POSITION THAT PUTS US IN ON SOME OF  
14   THESE OTHER ISSUES, I'D CERTAINLY LIKE INTERTWINED SOMEHOW SO  
15   YOU COME BACK, WHETHER IT'S THE NURSING STAFFING ISSUE, OR  
16   OTHER ISSUES YOU FACE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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18   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO DO  
19   THAT. ESSENTIALLY THE FORECAST INDICATES THAT THE PROBLEM THAT  
20   WE STARTED ADDRESSING A YEAR AND A HALF AGO IS TWO YEARS  
21   FURTHER OUT THAN IT WAS WHEN WE STARTED. THE SCENARIO 3-2  
22   DECISION WAS A \$709 MILLION CLIFF IN '05/'06. THAT CLIFF IS  
23   NOW \$724 MILLION IN '06/'07, SO IT LITERALLY HAS MOVED TWO  
24   YEARS, IT HASN'T GONE AWAY, EVEN WITH ALL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS  
25   THAT HAVE HAPPENED, EVEN WITH THE REDUCTIONS THE BOARD HAS



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1   MADE, IT'S ALMOST LIKE QUICKSAND. THE HARDER YOU TRY, THE MORE  
2   DECISIONS YOU MAKE, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE MAKING A YEAR OR TWO  
3   PROGRESS, BUT I THINK THOSE ARE VERY LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS AND  
4   WE WILL ADDRESS THAT WHEN WE COME BACK ON THE --

5

6   **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S THESE NUMBERS HERE AND JUST PUSHED IT  
7   OUT FARTHER?

8

9   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT, TWO YEARS.

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11   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'LL ADDRESS IT?

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13   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US?

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS FOR NOW OR IS THIS FOR NEXT WEEK?

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THIS FOR NEXT WEEK OR THIS IS ON -- IT'S  
20   ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT ASKING THE GOVERNOR TO, I MEAN ASKING  
23   THE GOVERNOR TO SUSPEND IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TODAY, AND I  
24   WOULD IMAGINE --

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO S-1 IS, THAT'S WHAT THE -- MR. LOTT WAS  
2   RELATING.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** S-1, WELL COUNTY COUNSEL IS THERE --

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WHAT DID S-1, WHAT DID S-1 SAY?

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8   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** S-1 IS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF  
9   THE DEPARTMENT.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE MOTION;  
12   I JUST THINK WE'LL BE CRITICIZED TO NO END BY SOME FOLKS WHO -  
13   - NURSES, FOR ONE, WHO MAY WANT TO COME DOWN HERE AND TESTIFY,  
14   AND -- HUH? AND THEY WOULD HAVE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER TO NEXT TUESDAY?

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST THE SECOND PART OF MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
19   MOTION. AND AGAIN, I'M NOT DIFFERING FROM IT, I JUST AS A  
20   PROCESS ISSUE AND FIRST PART IS FINE, BUT THE SECOND PART I  
21   THINK WE HAVE TO PUT IT OVER.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NURSES HAVE BEEN VERY VOCAL ON THIS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE? YEAH, THEY HAVE. THERE WAS AN  
2   E.M.S. COMMISSION MEETING HERE A WEEK OR TWO AGO, AND THEY  
3   WERE HERE. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED ME TO --

4

5   **C.A.O.:** I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH OKAY, ANYWAY, I JUST RAISED IT.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER FOR  
10   ONE WEEK?

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH DOES COUNTY COUNSEL BELIEVE WE CAN VOTE ON  
13   IT TODAY? CAN VOTE ON THAT TODAY?

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15   **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH I BELIEVE YOU CAN VOTE  
16   ON IT BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUSLY RELATED TO THE BUDGET, THAT  
17   DOESN'T ADDRESS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S CONCERNS ABOUT GIVING  
18   THE PUBLIC THE ABILITY TO SPEAK.

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20   **SUP. KNABE:** PARTICULARLY THE NURSES.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH WE WILL HAVE --

23

24   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, I MEAN THE ASSEMBLY IS NOT MEETING  
25   THE REST OF THIS WEEK, THEY'RE GONE, THANKSGIVING. I THINK IT



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1 CAN WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY AND STILL HAVE AN IMPACT, IT SEEMS TO  
2 ME.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WELL I THINK WHAT ZEV WAS SAYING, WE CAN ACT  
5 ON THE FIRST PART.

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, CORRECT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY ACT ON THE FIRST PART, CONTINUE THE  
10 SECOND PART.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, AND THEN THE SECOND PART --

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE WEEK.

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16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOUR BOARD I THINK OPPOSED THE BILL WHEN IT  
17 WAS GOING THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE IS MY RECOLLECTION, THE  
18 NURSE/STAFF RATIO.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE DID.

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22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK YOU DID.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO IT'S MOVED THAT THE FIRST  
25 PART -- MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE FIRST PART BE ADOPTED AND





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1 THE REMAINDER BE PUT OVER FOR ONE WEEK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
2 ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU DOUBLE-CHECK AND SEE IF WE DID  
5 OPPOSE THAT?

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M PRETTY SURE WE DID.

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9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M PRETTY SURE WE DID BUT I WILL --

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAD NO CAPACITY TO ACTUALLY MEET IT AT  
12 THE TIME WE KNEW THAT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH I HAD ONE OTHER ADJOURNING MOTION I --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU HAVE AN ITEM.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RACHEL RATNER, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF FRAN  
19 KAUFMAN, MOTHER-IN-LAW OF NEIL KAUFMAN.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH THANKS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. NEIL WAS  
24 MY APPOINTEE TO THE PROP 10 COMMISSION. SHE PASSED AWAY OVER  
25 THE WEEKEND. SO THAT'S TAKES CARE OF MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.



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1 WAS I HOLDING AN ITEM? WHICH ONE WAS I -- WHICH ONE DO YOU  
2 THINK I WAS HOLDING? I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING,  
3 YVONNE.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, ACTUALLY, YOU HAVE AN ITEM. ITEM 31.  
6 DID WE TAKE UP 31? WE HAVEN'T TAKEN UP 31.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU DIDN'T HOLD IT. IT WAS JUST A REQUEST  
9 ORIGINALLY, AND IT'S A REPORT TO THE BOARD AS A SEPARATE  
10 MATTER.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET'S TAKE IT UP. MR. FULLINWIDER --  
13 THERE HE IS. OKAY.

14

15 **JON FULLINWIDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE WE ARE  
17 WITH THE SIERRA SYSTEM'S IMPLEMENTATION OF A H.I.P.A.A.  
18 COMPLIANT SYSTEM SUPPORTING THE TRANSACTION CODE SETS. BY WAY  
19 OF BACKGROUND, THIS PROJECT WAS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OCTOBER  
20 16TH, WHICH WAS THE FEDERALLY MANDATED DATE. OCTOBER 16TH  
21 CAME. WE HAD NOTIFIED THE BOARD PROBABLY FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS  
22 PRIOR TO THAT THAT THE SYSTEM WAS ON TIME AND EVERYTHING  
23 LOOKED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR A PRODUCTION IMPLEMENTATION. ON  
24 OCTOBER 16TH, THE SYSTEM DID NOT COME UP, THEY THOUGHT THERE  
25 WERE SOME MINOR PROBLEMS WITH IT, AND THE SYSTEM WAS THEN



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1 SCHEDULED TO COME UP ON OCTOBER 20TH. IT DID NOT COME UP ON  
2 THE 20TH, AND AFTER THAT, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THERE WERE  
3 SOME RATHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WITH THE SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM'S  
4 NOT BEEN TESTED, MAJOR FUNCTIONALITY WAS MISSING, ET CETERA.  
5 WE NOTIFIED YOUR BOARD THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES. I THINK  
6 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I JUST KIND OF SET A GROUND RULE RIGHT  
7 HERE. ALTHOUGH WE MISSED THE OCTOBER 16TH DATE, THERE IS NO  
8 IMPACT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DUE TO THE FEDERAL  
9 REGULATIONS. THE FEDS HAVE BACKED OFF ON THEIR DATE FROM THE  
10 STANDPOINT THAT THEY WERE NOT READY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
11 H.I.P.A.A. TRANSACTION CODE SETS, THE STATE WAS NOT READY TO  
12 IMPLEMENT TRANSACTION CODE SETS, NOR WERE MANY OF THE  
13 PROVIDERS. SO WE HAVE DISPENSATION IN THAT PARTICULAR CASE.  
14 HOWEVER, WE DID HAVE A CONTRACT IN PLACE THAT REQUIRED SIERRA  
15 SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE US A FUNCTIONING SYSTEM BY OCTOBER 16TH. I  
16 WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE WITH THE MOTION MR. YAROSLAVSKY BROUGHT  
17 FORWARD BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE WANTED TO SEND A  
18 MESSAGE TO SIERRA SYSTEMS THAT BASICALLY SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO  
19 HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE. YOU WERE CONTRACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
20 DEVELOPING THIS SYSTEM, FOR DELIVERING IT, THESE WERE YOUR  
21 DATES, THESE WEREN'T OUR DATES ET CETERA. YOU BASICALLY KEPT  
22 TELLING US THAT THINGS WERE GOING ALONG VERY SMOOTHLY. TO FIND  
23 OUT LITERALLY AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR THEY WERE NOT.' SUBSEQUENT  
24 TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION, SIERRA HAS PROVIDED US WITH A  
25 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. WE HAVE REVIEWED THAT PLAN, WE



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1 PROVIDED A COPY TO YOUR BOARD ON THE 18TH. IT APPEARED TO, I  
2 MEAN, FROM OUR EXPECTATIONS, ET CETERA, TO REFLECT THE  
3 NECESSARY TASKS TO GET THE PROJECT BACK ON TRACK, AND, IN  
4 FACT, THEY DID BRING UP THE FEE FOR SERVICE FUNCTIONALITY AS  
5 THE PLAN IDENTIFIED ON THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER, SO THAT FUNCTION  
6 IS UP AND OPERATIONAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND IS BEING  
7 OPERATED UNDER THE MAINTENANCE PROVISION OF THE CONTRACT.  
8 HOWEVER, THEY ALSO NOTIFIED US THAT THE NEXT MAJOR COMPONENT  
9 THAT WAS TO BE DELIVERED SEPTEMBER -- EXCUSE ME, DECEMBER  
10 15TH, WOULD NOT BE DELIVERED ON THE 15TH, THAT THEY  
11 UNDERESTIMATED THE TASKS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS. AND AGAIN,  
12 THIS WAS A TASK THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THE 16TH OF  
13 OCTOBER. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE COMPLETED ON DECEMBER 15TH,  
14 THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO SLIP THAT DATE TO JANUARY 24TH, 2004.  
15 THE PHARMACY COMPONENT, WHICH THEIR REVISED SCHEDULE SAID  
16 WOULD BE UP ON JANUARY 5TH, IS STILL SCHEDULED TO BE AVAILABLE  
17 ON THE 5TH AND THEY FEEL CONFIDENT THEY CAN ACHIEVE THAT DATE.  
18 IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION, REPRESENTING BOTH MY OFFICE AS WELL  
19 AS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT IF THEY MISS THE DECEMBER  
20 15TH DATE FOR THE SHORT DOYLE OPTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THOSE  
21 PROVIDERS, THAT WE BEGIN TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT LIQUIDATED  
22 DAMAGES TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT, WHICH IS \$2,000 A DAY, NOT TO  
23 EXCEED \$60,000, SO BASICALLY FOR 30 DAYS. IF THAT DATE IS  
24 TRULY THE 24TH, WE WILL CERTAINLY EXCEED THAT. THE NEXT THING  
25 I WOULD RECOMMEND IS THAT CURRENTLY THE BOARD HAS TAKEN THE



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1 POSITION THAT WE WOULD NOT EXTEND ANY NEW CONTRACTS WITH  
2 SIERRA SYSTEMS AND CERTAINLY NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL  
3 COUNTY WORK. SIERRA SYSTEMS DOES ENJOY SEVERAL CONTRACTS WITH  
4 THE COUNTY, TWO CONTRACTS ARE COMING UP FOR RENEWAL, ONE IN  
5 HEALTH SERVICES AND ONE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WILL  
6 EXPIRE PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. IT IS MY  
7 RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BOARD THAT WE ALLOW THOSE CONTRACTS TO  
8 BE EXTENDED. THEY'RE SUSTAINING MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES SUBJECT  
9 TO NORMAL CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT RULES. HOWEVER, THAT NO  
10 NEW WORK, DELTA NEW WORK BE PROVIDED TO SIERRA SYSTEMS UNTIL  
11 THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 MENTAL HEALTH.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ARE YOU ASKING US TO TAKE AN ACTION  
15 TODAY?

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17 **JON FULLINWIDER:** YES I AM, I'M ASKING YOU BASICALLY TO ALLOW  
18 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH -- EXCUSE ME, AND  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO EXTEND THEIR CONTRACTS,  
20 THEY'LL COME FORWARD WITH THE BOARD MOTION ON THAT, BUT TO  
21 ALLOW US BASICALLY TO CONTINUE WORK WITH SIERRA SYSTEMS FOR  
22 ALL SUSTAINING ACTIVITIES SET FORTH WHERE WE CURRENTLY HAVE  
23 CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY, BUT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING ANY  
24 ADDITIONAL WORK WITH SIERRA SYSTEMS, NEW WORK, UNTIL THIS  
25 PROJECT IS COMPLETED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D ALSO MOVE IT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.

5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **JON FULLINWIDER:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF  
12 ALL, TODAY, I'D MOVE WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT FIRST  
13 CLASS KELLY MARTIN BOLOR. HE'S A WHITTIER RESIDENT AND A  
14 PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
15 WORKS, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN IRAQ ON SATURDAY,  
16 NOVEMBER 15TH. KELLY WAS AN EIGHT-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND IS  
17 REMEMBERED AS A CARING CO-WORKER WHO ALWAYS WORKED HARD AND  
18 WAS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND. KELLY WAS ASKED TO SERVE A  
19 HIGHER PURPOSE ON JANUARY 16TH WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE  
20 DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE  
21 SERVICE FOR HIS PARTICULAR DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE IN ORDER  
22 THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO LIVE HERE IN FREEDOM. HE'S SURVIVED BY  
23 HIS WIFE KELLY AND SON KYLE, I WOULD ASK -- ALSO ASK THAT ALL  
24 MEMBERS BE ON THIS ADJOURNMENT AND THAT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
25 LOWER THEIR COUNTY FLAGS TO HALF STAFF ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER





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1 26TH, TO HONOR THE SERVICE KELLY GAVE ON THE DAY OF HIS  
2 FUNERAL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY FERRIN, A LONG  
7 TIME LOMITA RESIDENT AND SERVED AS A CHARTER CITY COUNCIL  
8 MEMBER AND WAS THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LOMITA HARBOR CITY  
9 LIONS CLUB AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER. ALSO THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR GOLPHENEE, A RETIRED FIREMAN OF 35  
11 YEARS OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY  
12 HIS WIFE REBA, SON GERALD, DAUGHTERS LONA, LORNA EXCUSE ME,  
13 AND CHRISTIE, AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,  
14 AND SISTERS HAZEL AND DOLORES. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
15 OF RAMON GUTIERREZ, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH  
16 DISTRICT. HE HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A MEMBER OF THE  
17 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND HE IS THE UNCLE OF OUR C.A.O.  
18 PHOTOGRAPHER, RALPH TERRAZAS. IN ADDITION, HE IS SURVIVED BY  
19 HIS WIFE LUPE AND THEIR CHILDREN.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARMEN JONES, A  
2   RESIDENT OF MONTEREY PARK AND MOTHER OF MRS. LENA JONES-PEREZ,  
3   C.A.O. EMPLOYEE, PASSED AWAY FRIDAY AFTER A VERY LONG-TERM  
4   ILLNESS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA SCULLY, A  
5   RETIRED U.S. POSTAL WORKER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS, BILL,  
6   JACK, AND MIKE, DAUGHTER DEBBIE. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY  
7   HER LOVING HUSBAND, BILL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
8   KENNETH VAN DOREN, A LONG TIME BELLFLOWER RESIDENT. BEFORE HIS  
9   RETIREMENT HE WORKED FOR THE HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT  
10   FOR MANY YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE THELMA, SON KEITH,  
11   DAUGHTER RHONDA, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, KENNY AND TRACY. ALSO  
12   THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILBUR ANDREWS, A LONG-TIME  
13   RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH AND A 40-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF NORTH  
14   AMERICAN ROCKWELL. AND HE WAS ALSO A TRUSTEE OF THE SOUTH BAY  
15   UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VERY INVOLVED IN YOUTH  
16   ACTIVITIES. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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20   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE MOTION TO READ IN FOR NEXT  
21   WEEK. LAST WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES LEARNED  
22   THAT SEVEN PATIENTS AT TWO DIALYSIS CENTERS OWNED BY THE SAME  
23   OPERATOR, ONE IN NORWALK AND ONE IN WEST COVINA, WERE  
24   HOSPITALIZED WITH INFECTIONS APPARENTLY ACQUIRED THROUGH THEIR  
25   DIALYSIS TREATMENT. THE COUNTY'S ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE



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1 CONTROL AND HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING UNITS ARE WORKING TO  
2 PINPOINT THE ROOT CAUSE AND ENSURE THAT OTHER DIALYSIS  
3 PATIENTS ARE NOT INFECTED. HOWEVER, IT IS TROUBLING, THE  
4 INITIAL CASE DATES BACK TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, YET D.H.S. WAS NOT  
5 NOTIFIED OF THIS DISEASE CLUSTER UNTIL NOVEMBER 19TH. FURTHER  
6 IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS NOTIFICATION WAS AN OFFICIAL ONE OR  
7 WHETHER A CONCERNED EMPLOYEE OF THE DIALYSIS CENTERS TOOK IT  
8 UPON THEMSELVES TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT  
9 HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF DISEASE CLUSTERS  
10 AND OUTBREAKS SO THAT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IS PROTECTED.  
11 REPUTABLE HEALTH PROVIDERS SHOULD HAVE NO REASON TO HIDE  
12 REPORTABLE INCIDENTS, CLUSTERS OF DISEASE AND OTHER OUTBREAKS  
13 FROM THE COUNTY, AND THIS PRACTICE NOT BE TOLERATED. I THINK  
14 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ASSURE THAT HEALTH PROVIDERS ARE  
15 PROPERLY INFORMED OF THEIR REPORTING DUTIES. I THEREFORE MOVE  
16 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF  
17 PUBLIC HEALTH ALONG WITH COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS  
18 ON WAYS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN DISEASE REPORTING PROCEDURES  
19 AND REQUIREMENTS. IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY  
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH HERSHOW, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
4 NOVEMBER 23RD. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND HY, AND HER DAUGHTER  
5 MARVA, AND JEFFREY HER SON AND SHARON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND  
6 HEATHER, GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE WAS A FAMILY FRIEND, A VERY CLOSE  
7 FRIEND. HER PASSIONS WERE DANCING, TENNIS, AND VOLUNTEERING AT  
8 CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL. AND SHE AND HER FAMILY CELEBRATED  
9 CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH US EVERY YEAR FOR ABOUT THE PAST 30  
10 YEARS. AND SHE AND HER HUSBAND HY IS PART OF THE FAMILY. ALSO  
11 IN MEMORY OF HOWARD HAWKINS, WHO WAS A -- SERVED AS EIGHT  
12 YEARS AS MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF COVINA, HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
13 THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
14 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT DURING THE '70S AND '80S AND A  
15 MEMBER OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL WATER BOARD. BONNIE JEAN DAY,  
16 WHO WAS CO-OWNER OF GRIFFITH PARK REALTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE  
17 BURBANK BOARD OF REALTORS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. JAMES  
18 SKALICKY, HE SERVED ON THE WEST SIDE SCHOOL BOARD FOR 16 YEARS  
19 AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DESIGNING THE JILL WALKER JUNIOR HIGH  
20 SCHOOL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE THE CAFETERIA IS NAMED IN  
21 HIS HONOR. STELLA PIELECH, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER,  
22 WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
23 SERVICES FOR 15 YEARS AND RETIRED IN 1994. AND ONE OF THE  
24 GREAT BASEBALL PITCHERS, WARREN SPAHN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
25 AGE OF 82 AND HE HAS WON THE MOST GAMES OF ANY LEFT-HANDER IN



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1 BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE HISTORY, WITH 363 GAMES. AND ONE OF MY  
2 HEROES WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. HE WAS ALSO -- FOUGHT IN THE  
3 BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED A BRONZE STAR AND  
4 PURPLE HEART, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. IN HIS LONG  
5 CAREER, HE WON 20 GAMES OR MORE 13 TIMES. THAT WAS IN THE  
6 TIMES WHEN THE STARTING PITCHER USUALLY ENDED THE GAME AND  
7 DIDN'T WORK FOR FIVE OR SIX INNINGS AND THEN RETIRED. HE LED  
8 THE LEAGUE IN STRIKEOUTS THREE TIMES, PITCHED TWO NO-HITTERS,  
9 WON FOUR WORLD SERIES GAMES IN THE 1957 CY YOUNG AWARD. HE IS  
10 SURVIVED BY HIS SON, GREGORY. RUTH NEWHALL, WHO WITH HER LATE  
11 HUSBAND SCOTT, BOUGHT THE NEWHALL SIGNAL NEWSPAPER IN 1963,  
12 WHERE SHE WAS THE EDITOR. SHE WAS ALSO THE FOUNDING MEMBER AND  
13 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
14 AND HAD VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HEALTH  
15 CENTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS, AND SHE WAS ALSO AN  
16 AUTHOR OF SEVERAL NONFICTION BOOKS. DERALD ETHERTON, A LONG  
17 TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT, AND DANA KEITH FINCHER, WHO WAS  
18 ALSO FROM THE QUARTZ HILL AREA IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HE WAS  
19 A CERTIFIED MASTER SCUBA DIVER AND INSTRUCTOR. SO WE ADJOURN  
20 IN THEIR MEMORY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FOR NEXT WEEK, ON NOVEMBER 20TH, THE  
25 PASADENA STAR NEWS REPORTED DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS AT THE



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1 PASADENA SUPERIOR COURT. A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT THE  
2 COURTHOUSE ARE EXPECTING -- ARE EXPERIENCING HEALTH PROBLEMS  
3 RESULTING FROM THE INDOOR AIR QUALITY AT THE COURT. THERE ARE  
4 ALSO ALLEGATIONS OF CEILING TILES DROPPING ONTO DESK TOPS  
5 ALONG WITH THE PRESENCE OF SOOT AND ASBESTOS. ACCORDING TO THE  
6 STAFF AT THE I.E.S.D., THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE COURT,  
7 THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS, SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE  
8 BOARD DIRECT THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE  
9 C.A.O. AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY UNIT, THE  
10 PASADENA HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
11 AND REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND  
12 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, AND ALSO WORK WITH THE IMPACTED  
13 DEPARTMENTS AT THE COURTHOUSE TO ENSURE THAT PROPER REPORTING  
14 PROTOCOLS ARE IN SAFE -- ARE IN PLACE FOR APPROPRIATE  
15 PERSONNEL TO BE NOTIFIED OF UNSAFE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR NEXT WEEK.

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21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, IF YOU WANT, THE  
22 COUNSEL'S NOT HERE, WE ARE ALREADY DOING THIS. SO IF YOU WANT  
23 TO GO AHEAD AND ACT TODAY, THEN WE CAN REPORT BACK.





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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO MOVE THAT? MOVED AND  
2    SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? DO YOU HAVE  
7    ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?  
8    ADJOURNMENTS? I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS, I MIGHT HAVE HELD ONE OF  
9    THE ITEMS, THE LIBRARY ITEMS, AND ITEM 28, WE DON'T -- WE  
10    WOULD LIKE TO LET IT GO, I MEAN WE DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT OR  
11    QUESTIONS.

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13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
14    BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION ITEM 28 IS APPROVED. ALL  
15    RIGHT, YES, UH-HUH, ALL RIGHT MR. -- YES MR. JANSSEN IS GOING  
16    TO --

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18    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH MADAM CHAIR ON ITEM A-2 WHICH WE PUT ON  
19    THE AGENDA LAST YEAR TO DEAL WITH THE BUDGET CRISIS, I ASKED  
20    THAT IT BE HELD TODAY JUST NOT -- I DON'T HAVE A NEW REPORT  
21    BUT THE REPORT THAT WE GAVE YOU ON FRIDAY ABOUT THE CONDITION  
22    OF THE BUDGET IN SACRAMENTO I THINK DESERVES A LITTLE BIT MORE  
23    PUBLIC ATTENTION AND PROBABLY ON A REGULAR BASIS, WE'LL BE  
24    TALKING MORE ON THIS ITEM ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO.  
25    IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK AND ONE DAY SINCE



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1 WE'VE HAD A NEW GOVERNOR, BUT A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN  
2 THAT HAS A POTENTIAL DEVASTATING EFFECT TO L.A. COUNTY'S  
3 BUDGET. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK,  
4 VERIFIED THAT THE CONDITION OF THE STATE BUDGET IS BLEAK, AS  
5 THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR HAD STATED, AND THE SHORTFALL FOR NEXT  
6 YEAR IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$10 BILLION. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIONS  
7 -- THE FIRST ACTION OF THE GOVERNOR WAS TO REINSTATE THE  
8 GENERAL FUND OFFSET FOR THE VEHICLE OWNERS CAR TAX, IF YOU  
9 WILL, WHICH CREATED AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE \$3.6 BILLION SHORTFALL  
10 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PLACE AN  
11 EXACT NUMBER ON WHAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT MAY BE BECAUSE WE'RE  
12 TALKING NOW ABOUT REBATES TO CAR OWNERS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
13 GAP OF THREE MONTHS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, WHERE LOCAL  
14 GOVERNMENT DID NOT RECEIVE FUNDS AND THEN A QUESTION ABOUT  
15 WHEN THEY ACTUALLY STOPPED COLLECTING THE INCREASED AMOUNT.  
16 AND WE HEARD YESTERDAY THAT THE STATE CONTROLLER MAY, IN FACT,  
17 WITHHOLD PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY, SO THE  
18 IMPACT COULD BE EVEN MORE IMMEDIATE THAN THAT. BUT FOR LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY, WE WILL LOSE -- ARE LOSING TODAY, SINCE THERE  
20 IS NO BACKFILL, \$60 MILLION A MONTH, OR, TO MAKE IT SIMPLE, \$2  
21 MILLION A DAY, WE LOSE IN REVENUE AS A RESULT OF THE REPEAL OF  
22 THE CAR TAX. THERE IS A BILL THAT SENATOR BRUELTY INTRODUCED,  
23 SB-1, IN THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION TO APPROPRIATE \$3.6 BILLION  
24 THAT WOULD, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.  
25 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE ALL HAVING IS FULLY



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1 UNDERSTANDING EXACTLY WHAT THE DETAILS ARE AND THE NUMBERS  
2 THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN SACRAMENTO. FOR THE CURRENT  
3 YEAR, THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING A \$15 BILLION DEFICIT BOND. WE  
4 ARE ASSUMING THAT 13 BILLION OF THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE  
5 CURRENT YEAR DEFICIT BOND PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE HAVING AND  
6 THAT WOULD LEAVE TWO BILLION FOR OTHER PURPOSES, BUT THERE'S  
7 NO DETAIL EXACTLY ON WHAT THAT 15 BILLION WOULD BE FOR. THE  
8 GOVERNOR HAS ALSO STATED THAT HE WANTS A SPENDING CAP AS PART  
9 OF THE MARCH 5TH BALLOT, ITEM FOR THE \$15 BILLION. TODAY, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RELEASED FOR THE FIRST TIME THEIR  
11 RECOMMENDED CUTS. AND WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IT. WE  
12 RECEIVED THEM THIS MORNING AS WE WERE SITTING HERE. AND JUST  
13 AS AN INDICATION, I THINK, TO ALL OF US AND TO THE STATE AS TO  
14 HOW DIFFICULT IT'S GOING TO BE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, THE CUTS  
15 THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED, A FEW OF THEM, AN ADDITIONAL 10%  
16 REDUCTION FOR MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS ON TOP OF THE 5% THAT'S  
17 ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED, \$400 MILLION SAVINGS. ELIMINATE NON-  
18 CORE REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES, THESE ARE FOR THE DISABLED. THE  
19 PROPOSAL WOULD PROHIBIT REGIONAL CENTERS FROM PAYING FOR  
20 CAMPING EXPENSES SUCH AS CAMP FEES, OR TRAVEL EXPENSES  
21 ASSOCIATED WITH CAMP ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL RECREATIONAL  
22 ACTIVITIES, NON-MEDICAL THERAPY, SUCH AS MUSIC, ART,  
23 EQUESTRIAN THERAPY, AND RESPITE, A SAVINGS OF \$161 MILLION  
24 NEXT YEAR. ELIMINATE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RESIDUAL  
25 PROGRAM, ELIMINATE THE STATE-ONLY PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES



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1 CERTAIN SERVICES, SUCH AS HEAVY CLEANING, TRANSPORTATION, NON-  
2 MEDICAL PERSONNEL, CARE AND RESPITE SERVICES. 176 -- \$322  
3 MILLION NEXT YEAR. REDUCE THE CALWORKS GRANT, 5% REDUCTION,  
4 \$175 MILLION. AND WE BELIEVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HEALTH  
5 DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE PROPOSING TO CAP ENROLLMENT INTO HEALTHY  
6 FAMILIES, A.I.D.S. DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, STATE HOSPITALS,  
7 REHAB PROGRAMS, GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM, AND  
8 DEVELOP A WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES WHEN THE CAP IS REACHED.  
9 THOSE WILL SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 78 MILLION. THOSE AND OTHER CUTS  
10 WILL SAVE \$1.9 BILLION NEXT YEAR. THE DEFICIT NEXT YEAR IS \$14  
11 BILLION. SO THAT IT GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF HOW DIFFICULT THE  
12 TASK IS THAT THEY'RE FACING. AND PART OF THAT 1.9, 1.6 THIS  
13 YEAR IS THEY'RE PROPOSING A \$475 MILLION ADDITIONAL LOAN FROM  
14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE V.L.F., WHICH IS WHY NOW THE BRUELTY  
15 BILL, SENATOR BRUELTY IT'S NOT CLEAR ANYMORE EXACTLY WHAT HIS  
16 BILL IS FOR, BECAUSE 475 MILLION, THEY ARE TELLING US THEY ARE  
17 NOT GOING TO REIMBURSE US. FOR L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD BE IN THE  
18 NEIGHBORHOOD OF 80 TO \$85 MILLION, WHICH IS BETTER THAN \$420  
19 MILLION, EVERYTHING'S RELATIVE, BUT THESE ARE THE KINDS OF  
20 ACTIONS THAT THEY'RE CONSIDERING NOW IN SPECIAL SESSION IN  
21 SACRAMENTO ON AN ONGOING BASIS. IT IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY  
22 DIFFICULT TIME FOR THEM. \$2 MILLION A MONTH LOSS FOR L.A.  
23 COUNTY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN SUSTAIN. WE ALREADY SPENT  
24 160 MILLION OF OUR RESERVES FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS  
25 YEAR, AND IF THE RESULT IS, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE



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1 AT SOME POINT HOW LONG WE WAIT BEFORE WE START MAKING  
2 REDUCTIONS, AND REDUCTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY GO TO DISCRETIONARY  
3 PROGRAMS. ALL BUT 8% OF OUR BUDGET IS LOCKED INTO SPECIFIC  
4 REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE OF EFFORTS, MATCHING REQUIREMENTS,  
5 ET CETERA. THE DISCRETIONARY MONEY IS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
6 PROBATION, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PARKS, LIBRARIES, THE USUAL  
7 SUSPECTS, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 1.4  
8 BILLION AVAILABLE IN THAT AREA. SO THIS IS JUST TO HEIGHTEN A  
9 LITTLE BIT THE CONCERN ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO.  
10 THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM THAT THEY'RE FACING AND WE'RE FACING AND  
11 WE'LL BE REPORTING REGULARLY TO THE BOARD ON THAT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? ALL  
14 RIGHT, HMM, WE CAN START PUBLIC COMMENT?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE DOING THE HEALTH? WHAT HAPPENED TO  
17 HEALTH? WE DID THE HEALTH ITEM?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SPECIAL, WE DID DO THE WHOLE TOO? DID WE  
22 DO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ALREADY?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT THAT THE S-1 WAS WHAT HE AMENDED  
25 TO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH BUT WE NEVER GOT A REPORT FROM OUR  
3 STAFF.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO GET A REPORT FROM  
8 GARTHWAITE AND COMPANY.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS HERE AT THE TIME, YEAH.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT WAS --

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE WERE DOING -- THAT'S WHY WE HAD  
15 THE MOTION.

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17 **SUP. YARO:** YEAH, BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING -- 'CAUSE I  
18 WANTED -- I HAD SOME QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK HIM.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, UH-HUH.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANTT TO PUT IT OVER TO NEXT WEEK OR?

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. COME RIGHT -- NO GO ON, LET'S DO IT  
25 RIGHT NOW. YEAH, MERRITT HOLLOWAY'S IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU





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1 DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT, SIT DOWN, YOU CAN'T LEAVE. YOU WANT  
2 TO HEAR SOME FREE SPEECH. WE WANT TO HEAR THE FREE SPEECH. GO  
3 RIGHT AHEAD. OKAY.

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5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD, WE'VE PROVIDED YOU WITH A WRITTEN UPDATE OF OUR BUDGET.  
7 IN ESSENCE, WE ARE A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN THE LAST TIME WE  
8 REPORTED, BY ABOUT \$56 MILLION. HOWEVER, AS I THINK THE CHIEF  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JUST IMPRESSED UPON YOU, THERE ARE MANY  
10 THINGS ON THE BUDGETARY HORIZON THAT DON'T GIVE US ANY GREAT  
11 STRENGTH THAT THAT MODEST AMOUNT WON'T BE EATEN UP BY A  
12 VARIETY OF OTHER POLICY AND THESE OTHER DECISIONS. WE'VE ALSO  
13 INCLUDED IN THIS OUTLOOK AN ATTACHMENT WHICH DESCRIBES SEVERAL  
14 LARGE AND UNDECIDED ISSUES THAT COULD SAFELY IMPACT OUR BUDGET  
15 TO THE TUNE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1.6 BILLION BETWEEN NOW AND  
16 2007, 2008. SO, OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS, I WANT TO ASK  
19 YOU AND FRED, IF FRED IS AROUND, I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S STILL  
20 HERE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH HE'S HERE.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- I WANT TO GET A SENSE ON THIS, IN  
2   THE PROGRESS OF SCENARIO THREE THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT,  
3   THE CUTS THAT WERE DESIGNED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS TO  
4   BRING US AS CLOSE TO BALANCE AS POSSIBLE. YOU HAD COMMITTED,  
5   THE DEPARTMENT HAD COMMITTED TO \$357 MILLION IN SAVINGS FOR --  
6   BY '05/'06 WITH PROGRESS STARTING LAST FISCAL YEAR. SOME OF  
7   THE CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND SOME HAVE BEEN LEGALLY ENJOINED,  
8   SUCH AS RANCHO AND THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. CUTS. I'M INTERESTED  
9   IN KNOWING WHERE WE ARE ON THE REST OF THE CUTS AND WHAT THE  
10  PROGRESS IS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE WERE  
11  TALKING ABOUT CUTTING WAS PSYCH SERVICES FOR A SAVINGS OF \$20  
12  MILLION. THE ORIGINAL GOAL WAS FOR \$20 FOR '03/'04, AND IT WAS  
13  REVISED DOWN A BIT IN SEPTEMBER. WHERE ARE WE ON THAT?

14

15  **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE  
16  DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND THE REASONS  
17  WHY THEY BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO CUT OUR FUNDING.  
18  MOST OF THE \$20 MILLION THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE -- OR 20  
19  MILLION OR SO THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IS RELATED TO CUTS THEY'RE  
20  MAKING IN THE RATE OF THEIR PAYMENTS TO US. THEY FEEL THEY'RE  
21  JUSTIFIED IN MAKING SOME OF THOSE CUTS BECAUSE THEY SAY WE  
22  HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DAYS, OF PATIENTS  
23  IN THE HOSPITAL, IF THEIR LENGTH OF STAY IS TOO LONG, AND THAT  
24  THEY WANT TO BRING OUR COSTS CLOSER TO OTHER -- THE RATES THAT  
25  THEY'RE PAYING AND OTHER PROVIDERS, NON-COUNTY PROVIDERS. OUR



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1 -- WE GO BACK -- WHEN WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS, WE TELL THEM THAT  
2 WE BELIEVE THE LENGTHS OF STAY ARE LONGER BECAUSE THEY CONTROL  
3 THE EXIT INTO LOCKED BEDS, IN PART ALSO, WE'RE MORE EXPENSIVE  
4 BECAUSE WE RUN A VERY LARGE TRAINING PROGRAM AND WE ALSO  
5 BELIEVE WE'RE MORE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE WE THINK WE GET THE  
6 SICKER AND MORE DIFFICULT TO CARE FOR PATIENTS. WE CONTINUE TO  
7 PULL DATA EXTRACTS AND DISCUSS THOSE TWO ISSUES, BUT IN THE  
8 END, IF WE CAN'T COME TO SOME RESOLUTION, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY  
9 US MORE, WE'RE SORT OF AT AN IMPASSE UNLESS WE DECIDE TO GET  
10 OUT OF THE PSYCH BUSINESS, WHICH I'M NOT SURE IS -- IT MAKES  
11 SENSE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR PROJECTION ON WHETHER WE'RE  
14 GOING TO REALIZE A SAVINGS OR NOT AND HOW MUCH OF IT?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I -- WELL, I THINK THAT -- I THINK  
17 WE CAN COME CLOSER TOGETHER, WHETHER WE CAN COMPLETELY BRIDGE  
18 THE ORIGINAL PROJECTED AMOUNT OR NOT WITHOUT BOARD  
19 INTERVENTION I'M NOT SURE.

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH BY MOVING -- BY TRANSFERRING SOME OF THE OUT-  
22 PATIENT SERVICES PROVIDED IN OUR HOSPITALS, WHICH WE DID AT  
23 MARTIN LUTHER KING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND  
24 WE'RE WORKING NOW ON DOING THE SAME THING AT THE MEDICAL  
25 CENTER, THAT'S AROUND FOUR TO \$6 MILLION WE CAN SAVE THERE,



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1 PLUS SOME REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS IN SOME OF OUR COLLECTIONS,  
2 WE'RE WORKING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ON THIS OTHER DAY AND A HALF  
3 OR SO, SO WE'VE PROBABLY GOT THE 20 MILLION DOWN TO AROUND 12  
4 TO 14, RIGHT AROUND THERE. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SHORT YEAH,  
5 PROBABLY.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE SHORT 12 TO 14? AND YOUR GOAL WAS TO  
8 CUT 20 MILLION?

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10 **FRED LEAF:** ASSUMING WE ACHIEVED WHAT WE -- WHAT I JUST  
11 MENTIONED THAT TO TRANSFER AT THE --

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASSUMING YOU ACHIEVED WHAT YOU JUST  
14 MENTIONED, YOU'RE GOING TO BE TWO-THIRDS -- FALLING SHORT BY  
15 TWO-THIRDS?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** YES, YES, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE EFFICIENCIES AT  
20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT WAS ESTIMATED THE GOAL WAS 16% THERE.

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22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT WELL WE'RE STILL ON TARGET. WE  
23 PULLED ABOUT 20% -- OR \$20 MILLION OUT OF THERE THIS YEAR, SO  
24 I THINK WE'RE ON TARGET FOR THIS YEAR. THE CUTS I THINK WILL  
25 OBVIOUSLY BE HARDER NEXT YEAR AND --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE GOAL NEXT YEAR? WHAT IS THE  
3 TARGET?

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5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ANOTHER 5%, SO APPROXIMATELY THE SAME  
6 AMOUNT, APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION. THE TOTAL, I BELIEVE, IS  
7 61.5, IF MY MEMORY SERVES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE CONTRACTING OUT  
10 THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF L.A.  
11 CARE?

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13 **FRED LEAF:** CURRENTLY, THE -- THERE'S AN ISSUE AT L.A. CARE.  
14 IT'S STILL ON THE TABLE. THE ISSUE AT L.A. CARE IS THE  
15 ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES THEM TO -- ANY FUNCTION  
16 CONTRACTED OUT WOULD REQUIRE THE EMPLOYEES TO GO WITH THEIR  
17 M.O.U., CURRENT M.O.U. L.A. CARE HAS SAID THIS WILL BE COST  
18 PROHIBITIVE. WE HAVE A MEETING THAT IS TRYING TO BE SCHEDULED  
19 WITH THE UNION AND IT'S IN THEIR COURT RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE  
20 GOING TO GET BACK TO US WITH SOME DATES TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE  
21 MIGHT RESOLVE THAT AND MOVE FORWARD OR NOT RESOLVE THAT. IF WE  
22 CAN'T, THEN WE HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE AT THAT POINT TO EITHER  
23 ATTEMPT CONTRACTING OUT ON A WIDER SCALE, A BROADER SCALE, OR  
24 TO REDIRECT RESOURCES AND GO WITH C.H.P. WITHIN THE COUNTY AS  
25 IT IS -- I MEAN AS IT IS NOW, AND DO WHAT WE PROBABLY SHOULD



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1 HAVE DONE YEARS AGO, WHICH IS TO REINVEST IN THAT PROGRAM AND  
2 TRY TO MAKE IT WORK IF WE CAN'T GET IT THROUGH THE COST  
3 REDUCTIONS THROUGH L.A. CARE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR PROGNOSIS ON DEALING WITH  
6 L.A. CARE? ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC?

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8 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK THE PROBABILITY OF COMPLETING THAT  
9 TRANSACTION IS ON THE DOWN SIDE, FAR DOWN. I DON'T BELIEVE  
10 THAT THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, UNION RESPONSIBILITIES AND L.A.  
11 CARE'S CONCERNS OVER COSTS WILL REALLY ALLOW IT TO BE  
12 CONSUMMATED.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU ARE PROJECTING A SAVINGS OF \$8 MILLION  
15 ON THAT, WEREN'T YOU?

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17 **FRED LEAF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BETWEEN THAT EIGHT MILLION AND THAT'S  
20 JUST IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, THAT EIGHT MILLION PLUS THE 12 OR 14  
21 YOU'RE SHORT ON THE PSYCH HOSPITALS, YOU'RE NOW -- THAT'S 20  
22 MILLION SHORT.

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24 **FRED LEAF:** EXCEPT SUPERVISOR, ON -- YEAH ON THE C.H.P. SIDE,  
25 WHILE WE FELL SHORT ON THE COST SAVINGS BECAUSE OF INCREASES





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1 IN ENROLLMENT WE'VE EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST SIX TO EIGHT  
2 MONTHS, THE FORECAST HAS NOT BEEN IMPACTED BY THAT LOSS OF  
3 COST SAVINGS BECAUSE WE'VE EXPERIENCED THIS INCREASE, IT  
4 WASN'T INITIALLY INCLUDED IN OUR FORECAST WHEN WE POSTED IT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MUCH IS THAT? HOW MUCH WAS THE  
7 INCREASE WORTH TO US?

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9 **FRED LEAF:** IT WAS WORTH, I BELIEVE, 14 MILLION?

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11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 5 YEARS --

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13 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH BUT ANNUALLY, IT WAS LIKE 14. RIGHT? YEAH, 14  
14 MILLION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE IS OUR APPLICATION  
17 FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE COSTS-BASED REIMBURSEMENTS WAS  
18 REJECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I UNDERSTAND, LARGELY OVER  
19 THE ISSUE OF WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNANCE  
20 ISSUES THAT THEY REQUIRE FOR THE Q.H.C.

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22 **FRED LEAF:** YES THEIR POSITION IS THAT -- OUR BELIEF WAS THAT  
23 IF WE APPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING GRANT, THAT THAT WOULD  
24 GIVE US CERTAIN RELIEF FROM THE GOVERNANCE ISSUES. THE HRSSA'S  
25 POSITION IS THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS



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1 WERE INTENDED TO RELIEVE US -- ANYBODY OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY,  
2 SO THAT IF THEY GRANTED SUCH A PROGRAM, THEY WOULD EXPECT US  
3 IN PLACE A PLAN TO HAVE GOVERNANCE AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
4 F.Q.H.C. SO THEIR POSITION RIGHT NOW IS THEY'VE REJECTED THAT.  
5 WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING, ALONG WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE PEOPLE,  
6 BURT MCGOWEN AND OTHERS, AT OTHER MODELS IN THE COUNTRY THAT  
7 MAY SERVE TO JUSTIFY WHAT WE ARE ARGUING. FALLING SHORT OF  
8 THAT, WE WOULD HAVE ONE OTHER OPTION, WHICH IS TO ASK FOR A  
9 STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT TO GO  
10 FORWARD AS IT IS RIGHT NOW UNDER OUR CURRENT WAIVER WITHOUT  
11 EVEN INVOLVING HRSSA. AND THAT WOULD BE OUR LAST FALL-BACK  
12 POSITION.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULDN'T ANOTHER OPTION BE TO DEAL WITH THE  
15 GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS?

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17 **FRED LEAF:** YES AND WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS TO DO THAT. THAT'S  
18 WHAT THE MODELS IN SOME OTHER STATES EXACTLY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE SOME REPORT --  
21 SOME DIRECTION ON THAT? WHEN IS YOUR EVALUATION GOING TO BE  
22 COMPLETE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY?

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1 **FRED LEAF:** WE HOPE TO COMPLETE THAT AND THE DISCUSSIONS WITH  
2 THE OTHER STATES AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY DID EXACTLY AND HOW  
3 IT MAY OR MAY NOT APPLY TO THE COUNTY WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS -- OKAY I'D LIKE TO -- DO WE  
6 HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA EVERY MONTH? IS THAT THE DEAL?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT ON BEFORE THAT? NEXT  
9 -- IF IT'S NEXT FOUR WEEKS IT --

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR CAN WE GET A REPORT ON THIS THE FIRST  
12 MEETING IN JANUARY?

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14 **FRED LEAF:** YES SURE.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ALL OF THESE THINGS. I MEAN CLEARLY,  
17 ANYWAY.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GOVERNANCE YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE WHAT, ALL  
20 CONSUMERS, OR 51% CONSUMERS? 51% CONSUMERS RIGHT?

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22 **FRED LEAF:** 51% HAVE NINE MEMBERS WITH 51% AND THE PROBLEM IS  
23 OF COURSE THAT THIS BOARD WOULD HAVE TO APPOINT THE DIRECTORS  
24 OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT THEY OVERSAW, WHICH HAS SOME REAL  
25 LEGAL ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY'S GOVERNANCE SYSTEM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY, SO  
3 THAT WOULD BE THE 9TH?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH AND I'D LIKE JUST IF YOU CAN AT THAT  
6 MEETING TO GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE  
7 SCENARIO 3 PROGRESS COMPARED TO WHAT THE GOAL WAS TO WHERE YOU  
8 ARE ON JANUARY 9TH SO WE CAN --

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JANUARY 13TH, IS THAT OKAY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHATEVER THE DATE IS, JANUARY 13TH.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 13TH IS OKAY. RIGHT ANYTHING FURTHER?  
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. MERRITT HOLLOWAY AND ETHEL JOHNSON. GOOD  
16 AFTERNOON. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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18 **ETHEL L. JOHNSON:** OKAY. ETHEL L. JOHNSON, AND I JUST CAME BACK  
19 FROM SACRAMENTO, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE AT THE BOARD --  
20 EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M ASKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN OUR AREA IN YOUR  
21 SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH IS COMPTON, THIS IS H.U.D. ARE WE ABLE  
22 TO REALLY DO THIS THING RIGHT AS FAR AS PEOPLE NEEDING  
23 HOMELESS EMERGENCY MONEY WITHOUT EVERYBODY GOING CRAZY? OKAY?  
24 I'M IN THAT AREA AND LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE, AND SO RIGHT NOW,  
25 I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SPENDING ALL MY MONEY



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1 IN THAT AREA, BUT I AM A VET, A D.V.A., AND I HAD THE  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER TO CABRILLA. SO WHEN YOU GO TO A  
3 PROGRAM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY DO FIND OUT YOUR NAME,  
4 YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ALL THAT, AND THEY DO HAVE SOME  
5 PLACES OVER THERE, SO I'M GOING TO BE CHECKING THAT. BUT I  
6 ALSO AM A MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER, AND MY GRANDKIDS RIGHT NOW  
7 HAVE BEEN IN FOSTER CARE. I HEAR PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT FOSTER  
8 CARE, YOU KNOW, BUT THEY HAVE REGISTERED AGE OF 17 YEARS OF  
9 AGE, AND I THINK THAT AT THIS TIME, MOST OF THE WOMEN, MOTHERS  
10 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF ENJOYMENT FOR  
11 THEM FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS, BUT I HAVE BEEN WORKING  
12 ON MY BENEFITS. I'VE BEEN OVER IN THE GULF, AND A LOT OF  
13 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ME, YOU KNOW, THEY JUST THINK THIS IS A GAME  
14 OR SOMETHING. I WAS IN SACRAMENTO FOR TWO -- FOR THREE DAYS.  
15 'CAUSE THAT'S LIKE MY SECOND HOME, TALKING TO MRS. JACKIE  
16 GOLDBERG, AND SO THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS ABOUT WHAT THEY  
17 CAN DO AND WHAT THEY CANNOT DO. ALSO, I'VE BEEN TO MARTIN  
18 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, BECAUSE, I MEAN, I'M IN THE AREA, BUT IT  
19 TOOK US TWO DAYS. I GOT THERE ABOUT 4:00 O'CLOCK IN THE  
20 AFTERNOON, AND I DIDN'T GET OUT OF THERE UNTIL 12:00 THE NEXT  
21 AFTERNOON. BUT THAT'S, I MEAN THAT'S ME BECAUSE I'M IN THAT  
22 AREA AND THAT'S, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY AREA, SO -- BUT OTHER  
23 THAN THAT, THEY WANT TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL.  
24  
25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO ONE WANTS TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL.



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**ETHEL L. JOHNSON:** BUT THEY WANTED TO CLOSE IT, BECAUSE, WHAT  
HAPPENED WAS WHEN I GOT SICK, THEY WANTED TO TAKE ME TO  
SUBURBAN, AND I SAID, "NO, TAKE ME TO MY HOSPITAL, TAKE ME TO  
MARTIN LUTHER KING." SO I DID, IT'S BEING PATIENT, YOU KNOW,  
WE ARE NOT ALWAYS PATIENT. WE WANT TO GET ON THE GURNEY AND WE  
WANT TO GET INSIDE AND SEE THE DOCTOR, BUT I'M IN YOUR AREA,  
MRS. BURKE, AND I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, BUT I AM HOMELESS,  
AND I'M LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY, AND THE ONLY REASON THAT  
I MIGHT BE IN A MOBILE HOME OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW,  
BECAUSE I'M IN THE AREA AND I WORK WITH MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN  
THE AREA, AND ALSO I WORK GANG DETAIL. OKAY? A LOT OF PEOPLE  
DON'T KNOW THAT, SO I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW, BUT A COUPLE OF  
DAYS, I'VE BEEN SICK AND I'VE BEEN SORT OF IN MR. KNABE'S  
AREA, AND SO I'VE BEEN KIND OF MOVING AROUND.

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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**ETHEL L. JOHNSON:** ALL RIGHT, SO LOOK OUT FOR ME. ALL RIGHT?

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL IS THERE SOMEONE HERE WHO  
CAN TALK TO HER ABOUT --

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**ETHEL L. JOHNSON:** I JUST WANT TO GET PAID NOW. I'M TOO OLD.  
I'M 64 YEARS OLD. AND ALL I WANT TO DO IS JUST SIT DOWN AND

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1 RELAX AND HAVE MY OWN PLACE OF BUSINESS, AND THAT'S ALL.

2 THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANYONE HERE  
5 WHO CAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE CHECK ON THAT,  
6 AS FAR AS SOME FACILITY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET INTO.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
9 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
11 CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
12 EXISTING LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK  
13 YOU.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Subdivision (a) of  
Government Code Section 54956.9)

Los Angeles Times Communications, LLC and Richard P. McKee v.  
Los Angeles County County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles  
Superior Court Case No. BS 075 075.

This is a lawsuit alleging violations of the Ralph M. Brown  
Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).

The Board authorized legal counsel to seek appellate review  
and relief in the California Supreme Court.

The vote of the Board was:

Supervisor Molina: No

Supervisor Yaroslavsky: No

Supervisor Knabe: Aye

Supervisor Antonovich: Aye

Supervisor Burke: Aye.